## Buoyant '95 Is Forecast For Richest **Economies**

By Alan Friedman International Herald Tribine

PARIS — The world's 25 richest nations can look forward to a buoyant and prosperous 1995, with economic growth improving from 2.8 percent this year to a solid 3 percent and inflation not a problem next year since it should average about 2.3 percent, according to an authoritative report issued on Tuesday.

The main item marring this otherwise rosy forecast, issued Tuesday by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development here, was a reminder that economic growth on its own will not solve Europe's persisting jobs crisis.

The average unemployment rate among European OECD members is forecast to decline only slightly, from 11.6 percent this year to 11.3 percent in 1995. By 1996, unemployment among European member nations will still be 10.9 percent, the OECD said.

France, with a 12.6 percent jobless rate today, will continue to have the highest unemployment rate of any OECD country -12.3 percent in 1995 and 11.7 percent in

In general terms, the semiannual report left no doubt that "economic prospects for the OECD area are at present better than they have been for several years."

It added that recovery had "spread to all major regions.

But, echoing the warnings of many business leaders and economists, the OECD also stressed that the global recovery should be seen as "a golden opportunity" for governments to carry out politically unpopular structural reforms, such as cutting fiscal deficits by rolling back the welfare state and deregulating labor markets.

The report also urged that central banks keep potential inflation at bay by way of a "prudent management of monetary policy," which is a polite way of saying that interest rates should be raised where economic growth seems in danger of fueling inflation.

These were among the other highlights of the 127-page report:

• Growth in the United States will slow from 3.9 percent this year to 3.1 percent in 1995 and 2.0 percent in 1996, but the United States will probably avoid recession. Since the U.S. economy ning at nearly full capacity, the Federal Reserve should not hesitate to raise interest rates if needed to staunch inflation.

This view comes amid increasing concern among some economists and govern-ment officials that the Fed could go beyond cooling the economy and trigger a mild recession by 1996 if it raises interest rates too much. The Fed's policy-making Open Market Committee met Tuesday for its final interest rate review of 1994, but did not announce any changes. (Page 10)

• The Japanese economy, still experiencing only a weak recovery and 1994 growth of just I percent, will achieve 2.5 percent in 1995 and 3.4 percent in 1996. Tokyo's current account will rise from \$140 billion this year to \$145 billion in

• Germany, the most important economy in Europe, will experience a "robust" recovery in its western regions and an "increasingly broad-based" improvement in its eastern states. Inflation is expected to decline from 2.3 percent in 1994 to 2.0 percent next year and then rise to 2.2 percent in 1996.

• France will enjoy growth of more than 3 percent in 1995 and 1996, but its budget See FORECAST, Page 6



SHOOTING NEAR WHITE HOUSE - A videotape showing policemen before they shot a man who reportedly brandished a knife on Tuesday. Page 3.

## Yielding, Intel to Replace Flawed Pentium Chip

By Lawrence Malkin national Herold Tribune

NEW YORK — Trying to recover from a marketing miscalculation, Intel Corp. yielded to public pressure Tuesday and began offering free replacements for the flawed Pentium microprocessor that serves as the brains for the latest personal computer models produced world-

Errors made by the Pentium in rarely used longdivision problems were discovered last July by engineers for the world's largest chipmaker, but, as a spokesman ruefully admitted Tuesday, they were not publicized "because we didn't believe it was an issue then, and we still don't believe it's an issue for most users."

In a coincidental demonstration of the the problems facing high-technology manufacturers in consumer marfacing high-technology manufacturers in consumer markets, Microsoft Corp. announced Tuesday a delay until at least August for shipping its new Windows 95 operating software, which is just as essential as the Pentium chip in increasing the speed and sophistication of personal computers. (Page 9)

Jerry Michaelski, managing editor of the computer magazine Release 1.0, has dubbed it "Windows 96" because he suspects Microsoft will not have the bugs out of it until 1996.

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On Wall Street, the two announcements have shaken up the entire technology sector. Microsoft stock fell \$2.75, to \$59.875, because investors had counted on revenues from the new program. But Intel stock rose \$3.44, to \$61.25, because the company was seen as finally confronting its problems even though the cost of replacement chips will cut earnings; the stock had slipped as low as \$58.625 on Thursday.

Intel had resisted requests to replace the flawed Pentium with an improved version until a mathematician at a small Virginia college discovered mistakes in his own arcane calculations of prime numbers last month and later verified them by publicly checking with colleagues on the computer Internet. Even then the company initially said that it would only offer new chips to such users as

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## Berlusconi Nearing the Brink Of a Parliamentary Showdown

By Alan Cowell
New York Times Service

ROME - Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi is approaching a final show-down with his adversaries that will determine - possibly Wednesday and certainly within days --- whether he clings to power.

The climax of Mr. Berlusconi's battle against open revolt by his Northern League coalition partner will begin when he addresses Parliament on Wednesday. Thereafter, the timing of events is as uncertain as the nation's

A senior Berlusconi aide, Giuliano Ferrara, forecast a confidence vote after the prime minister's speech on Thursday or Friday, but Deputy Prime Minister Giuseppe Tatarella, a member of the neo-Fascist National Alliance, which supports Mr. Berlusconi, said the gov-ernment would quit earlier.

"The government will resign tomorrow," he said on television on Tuesday

Mr. Ferrara, the government spokesman, said it was "highly probable" that Mr. Berlusconi would seek on Wednesday to preempt three no-confidence motions presented to Parliament by his adversaries and, instead, demand a vote of confidence in his government.

"If the confidence motion fails, the government will obviously resign," said Mr. Ferrara, who holds ministerial rank in the Berlusconi government. From the way Mr. Berlusconi and his aides are talking, it is as if they view their rear-guard action this week as much as the

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#### A Grozny resident salvaging a pot from her home, ruined in bombing Tuesday.

## Cease-Fire Plan Is in Place, Carter Says

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina -Former President Jimmy Carter announced an agreement Tuesday between the warring parties in Bosnia to begin a nationwide cease-fire on Friday and stop fighting for at least four months.

He also brought the Muslim-led Bosnian government and the Bosnian Serbs closer than they have been for six months to sitting down again at a table and trying to negotiate a comprehensive peace settlement. Although slight differences remained over the basis for these talks, it appeared that they might begin early next

But the durability of the cease-fire, the

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latest of more than 30 to be announced since the war began in 1992, and the eventual success of the peace negotiations re-mained open to question in that none of the deep differences between Muslims and Serbs that caused the war have been re-

These differences center on whether Bosnia should remain a single state or be dismembered and what territory each side

After three days of hectic shuttle diplomacy between Sarajevo and the nearby Bosnian Serbian stronghold of Pale, Mr. Carter read a statement saying there was an accord on the "implementation of a nationwide cease-fire within 72 hours, including monitoring by United Nations

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forces along all lines of confrontation."
He said that negotiations would begin
Friday to build the cease-fire into a "total
cessation of hostilities" that would last for four months "or for a longer period if mutually agreed by both parties." The negotiations are due to end by Jan. 1.

"We have an agreement from both parties on a four-month cease-fire," he said. The essential difference between a cease-fire and a cessation of hostilities is that troops would pull back some distance from the current front lines and allow United Nations troops to be put between them where necessary. How this is done will be discussed by generals from the rival

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## Deep in China, a Salute to U.S. General

## **Germany Willing** To Aid a Pullout

BONN (Reuters) - The German government, breaking a half-century-old taboo on sending combat forces abroad, pledged on Tuesday to sup-port NATO if United Nations peace-

keepers have to quit Bosnia. Government officials said Chancellor Helmut Kohl's cabinet had agreed to offer Tornado fighter-bombers, logistical support and medical personnel, if Parliament approves.

Book Review

By Patrick E. Tyler
New York Times Service CHONGQING, China - General Joseph W. Stilwell, com-

mander of U.S. forces in the China-Burma-India theater during World War II, has made a return of sorts to this wartime capital. Communist Party authorities in this city, formerly Chung-king have evicted the workers of a small factory that makes steel rims for motorcycle wheels to set up a museum to the American officer who struggled from 1942 to 1944 to get Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist army to fight the Japanese, not

the Chinese Communists. "He detested the corrupt and incompetent government of old China and hated the Kuomintang for fighting the Communists," the exhibition declares.

The Kuomintang, or Nationalist Party, was the political foundation of Generalissimo Chiang's war effort, but its battlefield inertia and prodigious corruption were sources of constant exasperation in General Stilwell's headquarters, a stone house set on a cliff overlooking the Jialing River.

"The crux of it," General Stilwell once wrote, was that "they

just don't want to get ready to fight."

He was formally chief of staff to the generalissimo. But today, the Communist Party authorities in Chongoing and in Beijing have embraced General Stilwell as an intellectual and soldier with a strong affection for the Chinese people who was willing to open a dialogue with Mao Zedong's Communists if that would help win the war.

Though the museum was formally opened in October during the visit by Defense Secretary William J. Perry, there appear to have been few if any Chinese visitors. Indeed, the museum has no hours of operation, and the door remains locked except when Americans or other foreigners arrange with municipal officials

Finding the remnants of the once-extensive American presence here requires a diligent search, for the city is a maze of winding roads on a rocky promontory at the confluence of the

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## Refugees Flee Rebel Capital As Russians Step Up Raids

Chechen Leader Shows No Sign of Wavering Despite 'Mass Killing'

By Margaret Shapiro

MOSCOW - Russian troops stepped up the pressure Tuesday on the breakaway Chechen Republic, with bombing raids on the capital, Grozny, and ground assaults on its outskirts that left key buildings aflame, many people killed and injured and sent thousands of refugees pouring from the city.

The Russian assault was the most intensive one yet and appeared to be part of an effort to tighten a noose around Grozny without having troops try to enter it, a move that many warn would provoke a bloody street-by-street battle.

Russian officials asserted Tuesday that Grozny, where the Chechen leader Dzhokar Dudayev and his armed supporters have dug in, was a "city in panic," with many Chechen fighters fleeing to take up positions in nearby hills. The Russians promised a continuation of "decisive offensive actions.

Mr. Dudayev accused the Russians of "mass killing of peaceful citizens — chil-dren, women and old people," according to the official Russian press agency, Itar-

Mr. Dudayev, a former Soviet Air Force general, showed no signs of wavering in his determination to fight to the end against a Russian assault.

Nikolai D. Yegorov, President Boris N. Yeltsin's coordinator for the Chechen crisis, predicted Tuesday that Russian troops would surround Grozny during the day.

Russian officials have predicted Grozny's imminent encirclement and isolation for a week now. But a combination of raw and foggy weather, opposition to the Chechen operation by some Russian troops and stiff resistance by unarmed civilians have repeatedly proved the predictions false and could do so again.

Indeed, the Russian onslaught was not without its problems Tuesday. Chechen rocket launchers, shot down a Russian belicopter during heavy fighting around the village of Petropavlovskaya, about 20 kilometers (12 miles) northeast of Grozny. The three soldiers on board were killed, the Interfax news agency reported.

The agency also reported that, despite government assertions that Russian ground forces were advancing on Grozny from all directions, tank columns in the east and west had not changed their posi-

[Russia said it was closing its borders with Georgia and Azerbaijan to prevent the movement of rebel fighters in Chechnya, Reuters reported. A Foreign Ministry statement carried by Itar-Tass said that, starting at midnight Tuesday, only residents of Russia who were returning home would be allowed to cross land borders with the two former Soviet republics, and that movement of goods or other people would be halted indefinitely.]

Russia opened its military assault on Chechnya on Dec. 11 to bring the rebellious, mostly Muslim republic back into the fold. As many as 40,000 Russian troops, backed by tanks and fighter planes, have been mustered for the assault on

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## The Kremlin's No-Win Battle Over Chechnya

By Fred Hiatt Washington Post Service

MOSCOW - President Boris N. Yeltsin's attempt to subdue the breaksway region of Chechnya has become a major military embarrassment for him and his high command, marked by battlefield fail-

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ures, mutinous officers and a constantly widening credibility gap, according to Russian and Western analysts.

As the military action unfolds, evidence has surfaced of the Russian Army's low readiness, lack of training, beggarly supplies and poor coordination, according to these analysts. It has become apparent that many of the troops — from generals to soldiers — oppose the military operation, often with remarkable openness.

But even more than the soldiers in Chechnya's cold and muddy fields, analysts said, the senior leadership in Moscow is to blame for underestimating the military challenge, overpromising Russia's ability to cope with it and then seeking to cover up the truth.

"The question is why the military actions have started now, at the least appropriate time from a military point of view." said Dmitri Ostalsky, chief editor of the liberal newspaper Sevodnya. "This is the main question. But there are many other questions as well."

No one doubts that the Russian armed

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## Bosnian Serb Wants a Revamped Peace Plan

By Roger Cohen
New York Times Service

PALE, Bosnia-Herzegovina — The Bosnian Serbian leader, Radovan Karadzic, has set out his ideas for radical changes to an Americanbacked international peace plan in a memorandum of understanding with former President Jimmy Carter.

The memorandum, displayed during an interview with Mr. Karadzic, contains five points that would, if applied, involve a substantial recasting of the "Contact Group" map accepted in July by the Bosnian government.

Although formulated in the context of a loose Bosnian union consisting of a Muslim-Croatian entity and a Serbian entity, the application of the memorandum would open the way for an eventual partition of Bosnia by dividing Sarajevo into two cities and making each territorial unit compact and economically viable.

The five points in the memorandum are: the transformation of Sarajevo into two cities; "natural and defensible" frontiers for the Serbian and the Muslim-Croatian units; equal distribution of natural resources and infrastructure; the economic viability of the two entities, and access to the sea for the Bosnian Serbs.

"The current Contact Group map," Mr. Karadzic said, "gives us 30 percent of the wealth of Bosnia. We must get 50 percent. The map cuts our territory into Serbian en-claves and gives the Muslims continuity. We both need compact, contiguous land."

In effect, the memorandum seeks to lay the groundwork for the Bosnian Serbs' long-

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The United Nations has long

armies between Friday and Jan.

been convinced that only such a

cessation of hostilities would

sought goal of definitive sepa-ration from the Bosnian Mus-

Most of the Serbs who accounted for one-third of the prewar Bosnian population never wanted to be part of an independent Bosnia. A long war has only deepened this rejection, although Mr. Karadzic made it clear that he would be prepared to enter a loose Bosnian union, at least temporarily, "if that allows the international community to save

Thus, the "natural and defensible frontiers" referred to in the memorandum clearly mean an end to the small Muslim enclaves in eastern Bosnia that Mr. Karadzic said were "totally nonviable."

The equal distribution of resources means the allocation of many more cities to the Serbs than envisaged in the Contact Group map. The Contact Group countries are the United States, Russia,

Britain, France and Germany. The division of Sarajevo, Bosnian Serbian access to the sea and economic viability for each ethnic unit are essential preconditions for a final division of Bosnia, which Mr. Karadzic said could take place in about two years "assuming the Serbs vote to leave an eventual Bosnian union.

The Muslim-led Bosnian government of President Alija Izetbegovic is committed, above all, to preserving the territorial integrity of Bosnia within its internationally recognized borders. It talks of "liberating" Bosnia from the Serbs, without defining what that means.

It therefore appears certain that the ideas in the memoran-

included the western Muslim

been under attack by the Serbs

for more than a month.



President Izetbegovic, left, and Mr. Carter after talks Tuesday in Sarajevo.

trust within the Bosnian gov- basis that any changes would flounder on precisely the basic ernment, especially as it accepted the original Contact
Group map—offering 51 percent of Bosnia to the Muslim
description the Bosnian government, especially as it accepted the original Contact

It also seems that all the frenetic recent diplomacy in allocation of territory and Bosnia, including Mr. Carter's whether or not Bosnia should Croatian federation and 49 visit, may just set the stage for remain a single state within its percent to the Serbs—on the new peace talks that will present borders.

## **UN Commanders Agree on Sharpening Troops' Effectiveness**

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Times Service

THE HAGUE — Top military commanders of the United Nations, NATO, and nations contributing to the UN peacekeeping force in Bosnia said they had agreed Tuesday on measures to strengthen its effectiveness, come peace or more war.

Their recommendations included proposals to increase its size from 24,000 now and to provide it with new transport helicopters and aircraft, with armed escorts provided by NATO, to enable the UN force to get supplies through by air when its convoys are blocked on the ground.

High-ranking military officers from 14 NATO countries, including the United States, said they had agreed with officials from Russia and 13 other governments contributing to the UN force on measures to strengthen its ability to help civilian victims and encourage a political settlement.

Lieutenant General Bertrand de Lapresle of France, the overall commander of UN forces in the former Yugoslavia, made some of the proposals and said he backed all of them. They would make the UN operations less vulnerable to military coercion by Bosnian Serbs, who have often blocked its supply convoys, and other parties to the conflict.

General John M. Shalikashvili, head of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, took part in the two-day meeting and was part of its consensus on additional measures, but U.S. officials said that no American soldiers would join the UN force.

"The meeting's specific recommendations cover various steps for improving the capabilities, effectiveness and the freedom of movement of the United

Nations Protection Force and reducing its vulnerability," the generals said in a communique after their two-day meeting ended.

None of the recommendations was revealed in detail. But General Henk van den Breemen of The Netherlands, the meeting's host, said, "We talked about air mobility, transport helicopters and aircraft and armed escort helicopters when road access is denied. If you look at all the proposals, the consequences could be more people."

The generals said they had also discussed regrouping some units to make them stronger, and had talked at length about a French proposal to establish a protected ground route from the Croatian port of Split to the Bosnian capital of Sarajevo through a 16-kilometer stretch controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.

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to the end of September.

## Christopher **Cautions** North on **Lost Pilot**

WASHINGTON - Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher warned North Korea on Tuesday that further delay in returning the pilot of a crashed helicopter and his dead colleague would seriously concern Washington and affect rela-

"We have indicated that a further delay here in returning the pilot and the remains of the co-pilot would be of great concern to us and would affect the atmosphere in which we've been hoping to improve our relations with North Korea," he

told reporters. The U.S. Army helicopter was downed in still unexplained circumstances after straying into North Korea during a

training flight last Saturday.

Mr. Christopher sidestepped
a question over whether the
United States should proceed with a landmark agreement with Pyongyang to reconstruct its nuclear industry if Washington did not get prompt satisfac-tion over the helicopter inci-dent. "We've not reached that point yet," he said.

The secretary of state, at a year-end session with reporters, said that as far as he knew the North Koreans had given no reason for the delay in return-

ing the surviving pilot and the body of his colleague.

"The only thing that's been offered by way of explanation at all is that the accident took place in a rather remote area some distance from Pyongyang and where the transportation is

not very good," he said. On the Korean Peninsula, North Korean and U.S. military officers held a fruitless border meeting Tuesday to discuss the two fliers.

During the 35-minute meeting at Panmunjom on the inter-Korean border, the North Koreans refused to discuss details of the incident or the pilot's possible repatriation, a U.S.

military spokesman said.

"Our side asked for a prompt return of the helicopter and its crew," the spokesman said.
"The North Koreans withheld any immediate response and said information concerning the incident will be made available once an investigation is

The two sides, he said, expect to meet again soon to discuss the repatriation of the pilot and

North Korea said it shot ritory, killing Chief Warrant Officer David Hilemon and has not been able to confirm whether it was shot down or made an emergency landing.

The talks on Tuesday, attended by two middle-level officers from each side, were the first formal discussions of the incident between the two sides.

ernment figures made public on Bonn said that 937 attacks Representative William B. directed at Jews or Jewish prop-Mexico, has been in Pyongyang erty had been recorded by the federal police agency BKA up negotiating for the release of the surviving crewman and the repatriation of the other crewvided the information in reman's body.

The Yonhap news agency in South Korea quoted a North Korean diplomat at the United mer Communists, did not give Nations as saying that Pyongyang would release the pilot if the incident stemmed from a navigation error. "Isn't it natural to return the pilot if it is confirmed" the helicopter "enthe whole of 1993 totaled only tered the airspace because of a

deviation from the flight route?" the diplomat said. The rise in anti-Semitic A U.S. defense official said that the OH-58 reconnaissance warning that Mr. Kanther helicopter mistakenly crossed made then that neo-Nazis over the border Saturday and groups were increasingly turn- that the crew members thought ing from attacking foreigners to they were still in South Korea minutes before they went down.

The Pentagon announced immediate restrictions on all U.S. helicopter flights near the borfication in 1990. Most of the der and said investigations of helicopter training and navigation aids had been ordered.

> Yonhap quoted the North Korean diplomat as saying North Korean forces shot down the helicopter after the crew ignored warning shots.

## WORLD BRIEFS

## Shiite Unrest Mars Bahrain Summit

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adishing I The police set up barricades on Tuesday in Manama and used tear gas to contain the riot. Unrest first broke two weeks ago after the arrest of the Shitte cleric, Sheikh Ali Salman, on Dec. 5. He the arrest of the Shitte cleric, Sheikh Ali Salman, on Dec. 5. was arrested for having sent the emir a demand for the restoration of Parliament, which has been suspended since 1975.

Access was blocked to the sector of Manama where leaders of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council began a three-day summit meeting Monday. Witnesses also reported clashes overnight in Shiite-dominated villages outside Manama. Opposition groups in exile assert that seven people, including three police officers, have been killed since the unrest began, and hundreds have been detained. The government says one police officer has been killed and several people have been arrested

## Another French Socialist Says 'No'

PARIS (Reuters) - Another potential Socialist candidate for the French presidency, Pierre Mauroy, declined Tuesday to run.

Mr. Mauroy, 67, prime minister from 1981 to 1984 and current

president of the Socialist International, said in a television interview that he wanted to devote more time to his job as mayor of -

Mr. Mauroy's name was raised after the favorite, Jacques Delors, the European Commission president, dismayed the left by announcing on Dec. 11 he would not enter the race. Another is potential leftist candidate, former Prime Minister Michel Rocard, refused to run last week. Polis show that a former culture minister, Jack Lang is now the only Socialist with a prospect of reaching the run-off second ballot of the election in May.

#### Hong Kong Wants 'Boat People' Out

HONG KONG (AFP) — Vietnam has agreed to hold talks with hong Kong (AFP) — Vietnam has agreed to hold talks with hong king before China takes over the colony in 1997, officials said Tuesday.

The meeting is scheduled for Hanoi in mid-January, according to Hong Kong officials quoted by the government run Radio Television Hong Kong.

The requests for talks came after the Hong Kong government recently freed about 240 "boat people" after Vietnam refused to allow the refugees back into the country. The release was widely condemned in Hong Kong, and legislators passed a motion calling on London to resettle the remaining refugees in Britain. About on London to resettle the remaining refugees in Britain. About 27,000 Vietnamese are still in detention camps.

#### **Pro-Life Murderer Hoping to Die**

STARKE, Florida (AP) - Paul Hill, the abortion foe sentenced to death for the shotgun slayings of a doctor and another man outside an abortion clinic, said Tuesday that he hoped he would " be executed because "I can save more people dead than alive." The 40-year-old former minister said he would not appeal, although his death sentence will automatically be reviewed by

Florida's Supreme Court. Tm not hoping that this conviction is overturned," he said. "To be quite frank with you, I am hoping that it will be upheld and that I will be executed." He has portrayed himself as a martyr, saying the killing of doctors who perform abortions is divinely

#### British-Irish Talks to Resume in '95

LONDON (Reuters) - Prime Minister John Major and the newly elected Irish prime minister, John Bruton, agreed Tuesday to revive the search for peace in Northern Ireland after a monthlong political vacuum in Dublin.

Mr. Bruton and Mr. Major decided that mid-level officials and . then foreign ministers would meet in early January to try to surmount obstacles to all-party talks in the province. Mr. Major said he welcomed early talks with the new Irish leader, who was elected last Thursday after the downfall of Albert Reynolds.

#### TRAVEL UPDATE

#### down the helicopter over its ter- Holiday Strikes Set at Greek Airports

ATHENS (Renters) - Ground staff at Greek airports will hold capturing Chief Warrant Officer Bobby Hail. The Pentagon will note two 48-hour strikes designed to disrupt travel during the Christmas and New Year's holidays, a union official said Tuesday. Vassilis Alevizopoulos, president of the civil aviation union,

said the stoppage would mainly affect the Athens airport. He said : he expected hundreds of flights to be canceled during the strikes. scheduled for Dec. 23-24 and Dec. 30-31.

Mr. Alevizopoulos said 2,700 government-employed ground staff responsible for most airport operations opposed the government's plans to force civil aviation to operate according to private "

#### Richardson, Democrat of New French Airports Face Disruptions

PARIS (Reuters) — Several unions from Air Inter, the French domestic carrier, said Tuesday that they planned to strike during the holiday travel season.

Four unions representing Air Inter ground crews and pilots filed notices that they plan to strike at various times between Friday and Monday. A fifth union, representing Paris airport workers who service foreign airliners, said it would strike between -Thursday and Saturday. Workers called off a wildcat strike Tuesday against the Norwe-

gian state railroad NSB, allowing rail traffic to return to normal in time for the Christmas rush. Austria got its first significant snow of the winter Tuesday to the

relief of resorts that were alarmed as green slopes persisted during the mildest December since 1917. More snow was predicted for resorts in the Tyrol over the next few days. Chinese train fares will rise 30 percent before the spring, the .

government said, a further sign of the government's losing battle against inflation, Beijing reports said. On Rio's beaches, Brazilian Army troops are being deployed to protect visitors from petty crime, a military source said. The

soldiers, clad in combat fatigues, will police Copacabana, Ipan-ema and other areas to combat armed petty robbers known as the ach rats" who sweep along beaches, stealing nearly everything in their path. A resort near indonesia's killer volcano has reopened, Indone-

sian authorities said. The Kaliuran Hill Resort was closed last month after a volcanic eruption at nearby Mount Merapi in central Java killed 60 people, Antara said.

Hong Kong's Kai Tak Airport hopes to maximize its capacity to cope with an increase in demand for flight slots, the civil aviation department said, by increasing use of the runways during early morning and late evening periods. Utilization of these slots has been restricted because of complaints about noise from people living close to the airport.

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Mr. Carter said the cease-fire melinched the western Muslim sympathy for their position and more freedom to hand out blanpathy for ti offering considerable flexibility enclave of Bihac, which has in future negotiations on the socalled "contact group" plan rejected by the Serbs last July.

BOSNIA: Carter Says Factions Agree to Cease-Fire and New Negotiations Anti-Semitic

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dishments and pose for the cameras with Mr. Karadzic. But his visit was closely coordinated with the Clinton administra-

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Springs. He was indicted on 15

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the second shooting, which oc-

curred Saturday. At least four bullets were fired at the South

Side of the White House from

The Secret Service said Mon-

day that the bullets came from

"a great distance" away and

that investigators had found no

conclusive evidence that the

presidential mansion was a tar-

day had threatened park police-

men earlier, according to one

witness. Wade Varner, 37, said

the man had been roused out of

bed on Monday morning by

park policemen and had shout-

Major Hines said an officer

patrolling the public sidewalk in front of the White House saw

the man running toward him

and carrying a knife. The offi-

cer tried to detain the man, he

quickly arrived and warned the

suspect two or three times to

drop the knife. Major Hines

knife, so he shot him," Major

Hines said. The backup officer

fired both shots, Major Hines

than 10 feet (3 meters) from the

White House gate. (AP, WP)

"The man did not drop his

A backup Park Police officer

said.

ed, "I'm going to get you!"

The man who was shot Tues-

No one has been arrested in

conviction.

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## **Brandishing Knife** Near White House

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches WASHINGTON — In the to the ground. third shooting incident near the White House in two months, a Francisco Martin Duran, 26, an homeless man brandishing a upholsterer from Colorado knife was shot twice by police officers on Tuesday as he stood outside the building, the police and witnesses said.

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The man, one of a group of people who stay in Lafayette Park across the street from the White House, was identified as Marcelino Corniel, 33.

Mr. Clinton was in the Oval Office when the incident oc-curred at 9 A.M. He was never threatened, the police said. A videotape of the shooting

showed at least four police officers standing several feet in front of Mr. Corniel, pointing their guns. Mr. Corniel was standing relatively still with a knife in his hands when one of the officers advanced toward him and fired twice.

Major Robert Hines of the U.S. Park Police said the shooting appeared to be justified.

"If somebody is brandishing a knife, it is justified to shoot him," he said. The officer feared for his safety, so he shot the man.

Mr. Corniel was wounded once in the chest and once in the right leg and was in critical condition, according to a George Washington University Hospital official

The incident is the third involving gunshots near the White House since late Octo-

On Oct. 29, a man peppered the north side of the White said. The man collapsed less House with 29 rounds fired from a semiautomatic weapon.

Police Wound Man Leaner Government? Powerful Interests Will Have Nays

By John H. Cushman Jr. New York Times Service

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WASHINGTON - Senior administration officials have conceded that there are many potential obstacles to the bud-Two tourists wrestled the man get cuts in energy, transportation and housing programs an-nounced by President Bill The Secret Service arrested

The plan to reshape, abolish or sell off scores of federal procounts, including the attempted grams, outlined by Mr. Clinton assassination of the president, on Monday, is a first step toward financing his proposed and remaining competitive with

the Republicans in the race to shrink the government.

Mr. Clinton said that his productions when the details become known, is in the cuts, which is virtually certain and would realize savings at to bring objections when the high-priority projects by being details become known, is in the cuts, which is virtually certain and would realize savings at close one of the national laboratories where other physics research is done.

about where to cut have been production, handed down by the White House, there are many decisions yet to come on exactly where and how to cut.

end programs that have strong advocates in Congress and in industry. Indeed, some of the reductions have been proposed tax breaks for the middle class in the past, only to be rejected. and remaining competitive with One of the biggest proposed

posals would yield \$24 billion in savings over five years.

But although the basic orders

But although the basic orders

Of the \$10.6 billion the Energy Department has proposed to cut, \$4.4 billion is in its environmental budget. Environmental groups said such cuts would Some of the proposals would mean the department would fall billions of dollars short of the amount that must be spent to

meet obligations. But officials said they would delay only low-risk programs

Another \$1.2 billion of the cuts in the Energy Department would come in its applied research programs, some of which have powerful constituencies. While officials said Monday

that the agency would definitely burning coal more cleanly, they

In the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Secretary Henry G. Cisneros produced a plan to streamline the agency but not a proposal that would result in significant SZVIDZS.

At two briefings with reporthalt its extensive research into ers on Monday, he detailed a burning coal more cleanly, they could not say whether the department's programs into could not say whether the de-partment would also stop pay-three broad grant programs. ing for research into nuclear fu-sion, an exotic potential energy from a host of federal regula-source, or whether it would tions and provide residents in

housing units with vouchers to pay for homes provided by either the public sector or the private sector.

Mr. Cisneros said that the restructuring would save the housing agency about \$800 million over five years, slightly more than 1 percent of the \$60 billion the Clinton administra-tion hopes to find in spending cuts to finance its middle-class tax breaks.

The secretary said that a number of the changes had been contemplated for several months and did "not emerge from thin air." But he acknowledged that the results of elections last month and the administration's heightened desire to streamline government accelerated the process.

At the Transportation Department, the administration wants to save \$6.7 billion in the next five years, slightly more than 3 percent of the \$200 bil-lion the department had intend-

ed to spend during that period. The precise cuts will not be announced until Mr. Clinton submits his budget in February. They will reduce what the department sends to the states and communities for highways, air and rail transportation and mass transit, officials said.

In addition, Transportation Secretary Federico F. Peña resubmitted a proposal from earlier this year to turn over the government's air traffic control operation to a semiprivate corporation.

The proposal has strong Republican support but was blocked in Congress this year largely by the opposition of two Democratic subcommittee chairmen who will no longer hold the offices in the Republican Congress, Senator Wendell H. Ford of Kentucky and Representative James L. Oberstar of Minnesota.

#### Armey: 'Not President's Treasury'

WASHINGTON - The House Republican leader, Richard K. Armey of Texas, has asserted that the Clinton administration is misusing Treasury De-partment economists to support "blatantly political" attacks on Republican tax and spending pro-

Mr. Armey, a conservative former economics professor who has spent much of his 10 years in Congress calling for far-reaching and often controversial changes in economic policy, criticized assessments by Treasury staff economists that showed that Republican tax-cutting measures would pose a high risk of adding to the deficit. Administration officials used those estimates to underscore their claims that the proposals were fiscally irresponsible.

Mr. Armey asserted that the administration's actions violated ethical and professional standards governing the use of the federal employees. "This is not the president's Treasury," he said in an interview. "It's the people's Treasury, and I have to tell you I'm offended by this."

Treasury officials rejected Mr. Armey's criticism. "We think on proposals that have a high likelihood of being brought to Congress and passed by Congress, particularly at a time when people are worried about fiscal responsibility, that it is in the public interest to release numbers if we have them," said Leslie Samuels, assistant Treasury secretary for tax

#### Name to Know: Thomas J. Billey Jr.

WASHINGTON - He is an undertaker whose family has run the most prominent funeral home in Richmond, Viriginia, for more than a century. He is so loyal to his roots in tobacco country that he keeps a framed picture with every brand of cigarette made by Philip Morris in his congressional office.

Few people outside of Richmond have heard of Representative Thomas J. Bliley Jr. They soon will.

Thanks to the midterm election in which Republicans captured control of both chambers of Congress, and to his friendship with Newt Gingrich, the House speaker-designate, Mr. Bliley will take over one of the most powerful and sprawling domains within the House: the Energy and Commerce Com-

Mr. Bliley, who is set to replace Representative John D. Dingell, will be shaping laws affecting a huge range of industries.

It is a committee with a huge mandate, though the new Republican leaders have somewhat pared down its authority. And Mr. Bliley, a folksy and unfailingly courteous politician who is 62, makes it clear that he will push for much lighter regulation of business.

Forget, for example, about regulating tobacco as a drug, an idea that had been championed by some committee Democrats. "I don't know that we'll get around to that," he said last week, in a supreme understatement.

#### Stink at Pig Farm and Bush Library

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Residents of a rural area near Texas A & M University are raising a fuss over the relocation of a pig farm being displaced by construction of the George Bush Presidential Library.

School officials plan to move the Texas A & M Swine Center from a corner of the 90-acre (36-hectares) library site a few miles west to a place

known as Brushy Community.

"The bottom line is, Brushy Community residents don't want the pigs out there," said Tam Garland, an A & M veterinarian whose home would be about 300 yards from the pig center. "Whether it's five pigs or 500 pigs, we don't want them. You can't keep a pig from stinking."

#### Quote/Unquote

Judith Schaeffer of People for the American Way, a liberal advocacy group, on the planned lawsuit by a Mississippi woman who says her children have been harassed and ridiculed for opting out of prayers and Bible studies held at her school: "This illustrates what is likely to happen if Newt Gingrich should prevail in passing a school prayer amend-ment. It shows the kind of intimidation and harassment that children in religious minorities are going to suffer, either by forced participation or by conspicuous abstention."

## **Mexicans Brace for** Army Clash With Rebels

By Tod Robberson

EL BOSOUE, Mexico -Thousands of fearful Mexicans cowered in their homes here Tuesday, awaiting a confrontation between advancing Mexican Army troops and peasant rebels who seized this and dozens of other southern towns ear-

ly Monday.

Armed rebels of the Zapatista National Liberation Army established scores of roadblocks and checkpoints across a wide swath of Chiapas state in a surprise "military action" Monday, virtually doubling the amount of territory the rebels have controlled since launching an uprising last Jan. 1.

Their presence here in a region far beyond the government-recognized Zapatista zone of control poses an increasingly difficult dilemma for President Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de Léon, who pledged upon taking office Dec. 1 that government troops would not be the first to break an 11-monthold cease-fire with the rebels.

It was clear from the scene here Tuesday that unless Mr. Zedillo authorizes the use of armed force, he will be unable to permanently dislodge the Zapatistas from their new posi-

With the Mexican Army so far honoring Mr. Zedillo's cease-fire pledge, the Zapatistas have felt free to push deeply into the central part of Chiapas and now claim more than a third of the state as "territory in

Less than a mile outside El Bosque, at least 16 Zapatistas wearing ski masks and toting hunting rifles entrenched themselves Tuesday morning across the main highway linking the large municipality of Simojovel with the state capital, Tuxtla Gutiérrez.

miles) south along the same died from pneumonia on Mondighway at Puerto Cate, several hundred Mexican army troops and federal judicial police, armed with assault riffes and shorping mall in 1948 in armed with assault rifles and backed by helicopters and a column of armored vehicles, slowly advanced toward rebel posi-

The state attorney general, owner of shopping and retain space in the nation last year. was traveling with the convoy, said that the government forces' Bartolo and his family bought job was to reopen roads and the San Francisco 49ers footthat troops and police were under strict orders not to engage Penguins hockey team. He also the Zapatistas.

In El Bosque, rebels apparently had cut phone lines leading into the town and had

mate as Mr. Zedillo and his early in construction. predecessor, Carlos Salinas de Gortari, tried to reach a negotiated settlement. World War II, he built shop-



#### **Away From Politics**

• Manufactured chlorine in the stratosphere — not natural phenomena — is the primary cause of the ozone hole above Antarctica, NASA scientists say. They cited three years of data from a NASA satellite.

 A judge forbade for 10 more days the application of Oregon's new law legalizing assisted suicide. The federal judge said he would decide within that time whether to enjoin the law, which was approved by voters on Nov. 8 and would permit doctors to prescribe a lethal injection to terminally ill patients who re-(Reuters) • A former Postal Service accounting supervi-

sor pleaded guilty in Providence, Rhode Island, to stealing \$3.5 million in what officials said was the biggest embezzlement in the post office's 220-year history. • The victim of a drive-by shooting is entitled

to medical benefits under his father's automo-

bile insurance policy, under a 4-to-3 ruling by the New Jersey Supreme Court. At issue was whether the shooting was an "accident" as defined by state automobile insurance stat-

• A man who admitted selling the bones of a Cheyenne Indian dug up in Montana faces up to two years in prison under a law designed to protect Indian burial grounds.

• A gunman who killed his landlord, the landlord's wife and a bystander in the New York City borough of Queens was facing eviction from his apartment, the police said. "The guy apparently just flipped out," they said. (AP)

• The Environmental Protection Agency approved a plan for 12 states to reduce smog sharply by requiring automakers to make a new class of less-polluting vehicles to be sold primarily in the Northeast by 1999. (WP)

Committee.

## O'Shea' Edward DeBartolo, Mall Builder, Dies

Edward John DeBartolo, a real estate developer who helped create the suburban

New York Times Service

shopping mail and used his success to invest in horse racing About 32 kilometers (20 and professional sports teams, shopping mall in 1948 in Youngstown and went on to build more than 200 others in 20 states. His company was ranked as the fourth-largest

> Besides real estate, Mr. Deowned three horse racing tracks, and recently began developing riverboat gaming casi-

owner of shopping and retail

Until Monday, the conflict had remained at a virtual stale immigrants and beautiful for the conflict of the co

To take advantage of the growth of the suburbs after

ping plazas and malls in the gency Operation for Africa, 1940s, '50s and '60s. which sent food to famine-

He was often quoted as say-ing that his early strategy for 1984-86. building real estate was: "Stay out in the country. That's the new downtown."

Bradford Morse, UN Aide And U.S. Congressman, 73 NEW YORK (Reuters) — Bradford Morse, 73, a prominent former five-term Republichusetts and a past under-secretary-general of the United Nations, died Sunday at his home in Naples, Florida.

Mr. Morse served in the UN post from 1972 to 1975, the highest ranking American in

stricken sub-Sahara Africa in While in the House, he was a member of the Foreign Affairs

Lilia Skala, a stage and screen actress in her 90s best known for her portrayal of the headstrong Mother Superior in the 1963 film "Lilies of the can congressman from Massa- Field," died Sunday at her home in Bay Shore, New York.

Pedro Collor de Mello, 42 whose revelations of high-level corruption in Brazil led to the impeachment of his brother, President Fernando Collor de the world body. He helped cre- Mello, in 1992, died of brain ate the UN International Emer- cancer Monday in New York.

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#### **Tobacco Industry Accused of Faking Data** By Philip J. Hilts

New York Times Service WASHINGTON - The tobacco industry's scientific data showing that second-hand smoke was not a significant hazard in workplaces may have been faked, according to former employees who helped make

the measurements. In a report issued by the staff Waxman, statements from former employees of Healthy Buildings International, raw data from the company's field inspections of 585 buildings and independent analysis showed that "the industry may have used improper and fraudulent scientific data in conducting research on environmental tobacco smoke.'

Mr. Waxman, Democrat of California, is the outgoing chairman of the health and environment subcommittee.

The data found to be suspect is among the most important of all the work cited by industry spokesmen to back up their case that second-hand smoke is not Dr. Stanton Glantz, a cardi-

ologist at the University of California and an anti-smoking advocate who has studied the tobacco company claims on second-hand smoke, said Tues-"This data is just crucial. The

argument of the tobacco companies has been that the exposure levels of environmental tobacco smoke in workplaces is so low as to be trivial. If this data is fraudulent, it throws into question all their assertions." The data, he said, have been to what the company reported.

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used in Congress, in litigation, fore the next major forum to cigarette smoke, as measured decide on second-hand smoke by respirable suspended parti- the Occupational Safety and cles. Health Administration. That Several examples of the apwhether to ban smoking in Mr. Waxman's staff report: American workplaces, and the their argument against the pro-

posed rule. Gray Robertson, president of air, three times what the federal produced a falsely low amount of cigarette smoke per cubic al, said Tuesday, "Some of the numbers were changed, but for ried out the measurements for report. good reasons, and there was no fabrication." The tobacco industry has

tify on behalf of the industry in many forums, including before

The company was the principle business relied on by the industry for data to show that cigarette smoking does not create substantial indoor air pollution problems.

But reviewing the raw data for the company's field survey of 585 buildings, which was later published in a scientific journal and presented as testimony to Congress, Mr. Waxman said his staff and an independent analyst had found that "there were more than 150 significant alterations" of the data. That would mean that more than 25 percent of the data was altered from what technicians actually measured in the field compared

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> Healthy Buildings International, told Mr. Waxman's staff: "After I submitted my field paid Healthy Buildings Internotes to HBI, Gray Robertson, national millions of dollars over the HBI president, changed the the last decade to carry out tests particular measurement I re-

> > notes and inserted the number • In December 1989, techni-

• The report showed that one frequent problem with the data

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agency is holding hearings on parently faked data listed in

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of indoor air quality and to tes- corded for the sample. In his own handwriting, he struck out the number '150' in the field

> cians tried to sample air in a cafeteria but could not because the monitoring equipment needed was not there. Nevertheless, the company reported that a measurement had been taken and that the level in the smoking section was 30 micrograms per cubic meter, well below federal standards.

reported was that the size of the

timate the amount of smoke measured. Inspection of an office in Richmond, Virginia, in August of 1989, conducted by Mr. Wulchin, showed that the office was 1,000 square feet (90 square meters). It was reported as 300 square feet. When the volume

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## Hard Line in Beijing

lous country, a nuclear power with a booming, internationalized economy, is frozen into hard-line immobility on a wide range of policies because its nonagenarian supreme leader lies dying and those beneath him fear jeopardizing their own political futures by appearing too flexible.

Some of the effects of this succession crisis are now being felt throughout the world, but the primary and most brutal effects are felt in China itself. Crucial reforms of state industry have been postponed repeatedly. Arbitrary challenges and revisions have left foreign investors questioning the reliability of their contracts. Most recently, human rights and democracy activists have been subjected to a new round of repression that is ferocious even by China's harsh standards. Last week, nine defendants drew cruelly excessive sentences for distributing four articles on human and workers' rights. One man was condemned to an incredible 20 years' imprisonment, seven years more than was imposed on the alleged masterminds of the Tiananmen Square movement.

These sentences form part of a pattern that includes the rearrest last spring of China's most famous democrat. Wei Jingsheng; the six-year sentence imposed last month on an internationally respected journalist, Gao Yu; and the menacing harassment of a former stu-

dent leader, Wang Dan.
The roots of this crackdown are domestic, but its severity reflects Beijing's perception that it can now ignore international human rights pressure. The tri-al that brought last week's sentences had

It is extraordinary and more than a little alarming. The world's most popu- twice before been postponed: in 1993 when China was seeking the 2000 Olympics, and last spring when President Bill Clinton was weighing extension of China's low-tariff access to the U.S. market. Turning down that Olympic bid and extending trade access without human rights conditions reduced the outside world's leverage.

Despite Mr. Clinton's conciliatory policies, the United States, too, has felt the new chill from Beijing. Washington's fa-vorable tariff decision brought no honeymoon but a fresh burst of Chinese threats. Beijing warned that it would re-taliate if the United States persisted in holding China to reasonable standards for joining the new World Trade Organization, and in demanding that it crack down on copyright piracy. Meanwhile, as the United States hastens to re-establish military cooperation, Beijing has escalated its rhetoric over a minor naval surveillance incident earlier this year.

Given this present touchiness, Washington needs to avoid gratuitous provocation. But it cannot avoid asserting legitimate U.S. interests from trade to security to human rights.

Republicans who have criticized the Clinton administration's overly accommodating China policies will soon hold key committee chairs. The administration, which is considering sending either Vice President Al Gore or Hillary Rodham Clinton to Beijing next year, would be wise to consult first with Republicans and seek bipartisan agreement on how to stand up to today's Chinese bullying without wrecking a valuable long-term

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

## Carter Out of Control

Two Bosnia negotiations are under way, and the first, between President Bill Clinton and former President Jimmy Carter, is definitely the more nerveracking. Stepping back from his own Bosnia duties, Mr. Clinton took a flier and bowed to the irrepressible Mr. Carter, apparently hoping he could exploit or at least control him. Monday morning it looked doubtful. Mr. Carter's characteristic one-sided embrace of the party most opposed to American policy forced the White House to issue an emergency rebuke. By day's end, moreover, it was still doubtful. Jimmy Carter seemed to be undercutting American policy and possibly putting President Clinton in the position of having to repudiate a mission gone off the track.

The administration had hoped that the Bosnian Serb regime, unable to translate battlefield gains into political normalization, would make to the appreciative Mr. Carter concessions that it would not make to the accusing Mr. Clinton. But the regime did not make meaningful concessions. It took advantage of the goodwill and innocence of its invited guest to move the discussion in a

Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, offers full movement for United Nations peacekeepers. But he has zero credibility on this issue; he broke even his promises to Mr. Carter, who brushed off the betraval. He has used peacekeep-

ers as hostages. Anyway, how can he object if the United Nations feeds the refugees he creates?

Mr. Karadzic offers a four-month renewable cease-fire. But what is this? As the victor, he has long been seeking to start a cease-fire to cement his conquests and preempt the Muslim-led Bosnian government's rearming.

He offers to join talks on the American-sponsored "contact group's" peace plan, which he has long reviled. But now suddenly his government hails the plan as the "basis" for talks, evidently meaning to renegotiate it, not to accept it. And for all of these promises, including extravagant pledges to respect everyone's human rights and - this from Mr. Ethnic Cleansing himself — to let people live where they please, Jimmy Carter is prepared to reward him by removing UN sanctions forthwith.

Through two administrations, American officials have averted their gaze from Bosnia or hoped that others would somehow fix it. The latest instance is the Carter mission. But it was idle to think that the Bosnian Serbs could be lulled by sweet talk. Mr. Carter is moving way that may yet rebound against the forward as though to proclaim his mis-united States. forward as though to proclaim his mis-sion a success. So far, nothing of substance suggests that it is.

Unwelcome as the task may be, this is the right moment for American policy in Bosnia to be reclaimed by the president of the United States.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

## Foreign Aid at Risk

Republican Senator Mitch McCon-nell's proposal to deeply slash aid to Africa, add restrictions to Russian assistance, cut levels elsewhere except in Europe and the Middle East, tuck the Peace Corps under the State Department and abolish the Agency for International Development had the predictable, explosive

effect at the State Department.
That is understandable. But as disturbing as the changes seem to be, there is at least one small consolation for AID officials. Compared with the way many Republicans in the new Republicancontrolled Congress feel about foreign aid, Senator McConnell — who will chair the influential foreign aid appropriations subcommittee --- may be something of a moderate. At least he isn't out to kill the whole idea.

Make no mistake, the McConnell bill sharply alters the shape of the system. Programs designed to slow population growth and fight malnutrition, illiteracy and poverty in some of the poorest nations will give way to a new charter narrowly focused on American economic and security interests. "Most poor coun-tries are still poor" despite years of U.S. aid — so what's the point? says Senator McConnell. Under his bill, countries with free market policies and open trading systems will get first dibs on American aid. Former Soviet republics other than Russia receive earmark protection previ-

ously accorded Israel and Egypt.

The Clinton administration says it has pursued policies promoting growth, stability, the well-being of emerging demo-cracies and the flow of U.S. exports with increasing efficiency and effectiveness over that of preceding Republican administrations. There is some truth to that. But the administration and Senator McConnell are far apart in their approaches to foreign aid reforms. For Senator McConnell, making Africa the big loser, cutting already sharply curtailed spending by 20 percent and protecting the more politically potent Middle East and Eastern Europe aid flows is the way to advance U.S. interests. This is a central point of difference. It is also where the

ebate should be joined.

For people who believe that this bountiful country has a responsibility at least to join with other better-off nations and help those in extreme deprivation. Senator McConnell's approach is the wrong response. That isn't to say that AID's basic assumptions should not be challenged. The Clinton administration must prove convincingly that foreign aid works - that it serves America's national interests and those of recipient nations. Refut-

ing the assumptions in the McConnell bill provides that opportunity. -THE WASHINGTON POST.



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## Trade With Developing Countries Is Good Business

GENEVA—It is now certain that the World Trade Organization will come into being, on target, on Jan. 1. This historic event is an appropriate occasion for setting the record straight on a misconception that has been put about by protectionist opponents of the WTO. For someone unfamiliar with the facts,

the myth that trade with developing countries is destroying jobs and depressing wages in the rich countries can have a ring of plausibility. But it cannot sur-

vive contact with reality.

Public opinion polls confirm the growing sense of insecurity of workers throughout the developed world, fueled by a seemingly endless flow of reports of downsizing of major corporations, downward pressure on wages and, especially in Western Europe, chronically high levels of unemployment. These fears are the focus of a considerable amount of serious research, which suggests that labor market rigidities and government regulation are the major culprits.

Unfortunately, job fears are being played on by a minority who claim that competition from developing countries is to blame. The fall of communism and the move to more market-oriented economies, they argue, has brought 4 billion low-wage workers into the world economy for the first time in the postwar era. Free trade with those countries, they say, is bound to result either in a massive transfer of jobs out of the rich countries or in a decline of rich-country wages to the levels

found in the developing countries.

Since either option will lead to social upheaval and conflict, the rich countries are said to have no choice but to carefully regulate their trade with the low-wage countries. Variously GATT, the WTO and the Uruguay Round are condemned

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for promoting free trade and blocking efforts to raise barriers to imports from developing countries.

Advocates of this view offer anecdotal evidence but shy away from a more com-prehensive "testing" of it against real world experience. This is not surprising. since the facts contradict the picture painted by their anecdotal evidence.

The vast majority of developing countries spend every penny of foreign exchange they earn, and then some. They have an insatiable appetite for developed countries' goods and services.

If the OECD countries purchase an additional \$5 billion in clothing from developing countries, the developing

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countries will increase their imports by \$5 billion, with most of it spent directly on OECD exports and the remainder coming back indirectly — for example, Brazil uses Deutsche marks to import from Mexico, and Mexico uses the marks to import from the European Union.

Over time, dynamic exporters are also dynamic importers. For example, where-as in 1980 China ranked 29th and 21st, respectively, on the lists of the world's leading merchandise exporters and importers, by last year it had moved up to be the 11th largest exporter and the 11th largest importer.

The experience of the other dynamic exporters matches China's; their 1993 rankings on the export and import lists are virtually identical. This means that any policy which restricts imports from developing countries inevitably ends up restricting exports to those countries. If they can't sell, they can't buy.

Thus trade with developing countries is more about job creation than about job losses. Trade creates jobs in the developed countries' export sector and, via the income gains, throughout the economy as a whole.

While some job creation offsets job losses that occur as a result of structural change and technological development, it is the net impact on incomes that is most significant. This is because jobs in the export sector pay more on average than jobs in the inefficient import-competing sector (17 percent more in the United States, according to recent estimates), since on average they are higherskill jobs. In this way, trade with lowwage countries adds to the supply of

higher-paying jobs.

Trade with developing countries is also beneficial in the short run, as it was last year when it helped sustain the exports of the European Union and the United States. In each case, exports to Latin America and developing countries in Asia offset the weak or declining demand for imports into Japan and within the European Union. Developing countries' import demand helped keep factories open and prevented longer jobless

queues in the rich countries. Comparing hourly wages in a rich country with those in developing countries is meaningless as far as competitiveness is concerned. (If the hourly wage were all that mattered, it would be impossible to explain why developing countries purchase two-thirds of their merchandise imports from the high-wage developed countries.) At a minimum, it is necessary to adjust for differences in labor productivity, which is much higher in the developed countries because their workers are more skilled and have more capital to work with.

Nor is labor cost per unit of output necessarily a deciding factor, except per-haps for some firms whose production

uses large amounts of unskilled labor. Proximity to market, infrastructure (including services) and the availability of workers with the necessary range of skills can be as important, or more so, in deciding where to produce.

Some allege that foreign direct invest-ment (FDI) by developed-country firms causes large-scale shifts of production and employment from rich countries to developing countries. The facts indicate otherwise. The developed countries in-

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vest mainly in each other (again giving lie to the claim that only hourly wages matter). Moreover, by reinforcing competitiveness, FDI can protect existing production capacity which otherwise may have disappeared, and frequently results in increased demand for capital goods, components, services and so forth from other home country suppliers.

Even if one believed that trade with

developing countries was an important source of downward pressure on the wages of unskilled workers in the rich countries, would it make sense to try to use a country's trade policies to protect the wages and jobs of unskilled workers? Consider one of the implications of such

a course of action. Low-paying jobs in the import-competing sector would be protected at the expense of higher-paying jobs in the export sector. In the medium term, such a policy would be certain to reduce the number of young people staying in school and acquiring more skills. Why stay in school if the government has a policy of encouraging low-skill jobs and discouraging the creation of higher-skill jobs? This is a prescription for economic

stagnation or worse.
While the low-paying jobs would be protected against competition from developing countries, they would not be protected against technological change, which many argue is a more important source of downward pressure on unskilled wages. (The kind of routine jobs done by unskilled workers are often easiest to automate.) Protection against imports thay actually speed up the rate of job loss, as firms use the windfall profits from higher prices to accelerate the introduction of

labor-saving capital equipment.

Protection leads to higher prices for consumers, and in most instances the added costs fall heavily on low-income families because they spend a larger share of their budgets on such products as clothing and footwear where developing countries are very competitive. In general, the low-wage countries tend to produce the medium-to-lower-quality consumer goods that low-income families buy. (Giorgio Armani's or Yves Saint Laurent's prices are not much affected by the high trade barriers on clothing imports from developing countries.)

Furthermore, studies indicate that the annual cost of protecting a job by import barriers is typically anywhere from three to eight times the annual wage of that job. What the advocates of increased production fail to explain is how a society makes itself richer by incurring annual costs that are a large multiple of the annual wages of the jobs protected.

Contrary to the arguments of protec-tionists, higher trade barriers would make it more difficult for the developed countries to maintain generous health, unemployment and pension benefits. Generous social provisions are expensive, and the best way - indeed, the only way -- to ensure that a society can afford them is to put primary emphasis on using its resources efficiently, creating incentives for its labor force to acquire more skills and creating opportunities for its export-oriented sectors to expand.

So, protectionism does not create jobs. It doesn't even succeed in maintaining them. The problem is that protectionists are more interested in populist slogans than in reality.

Protectionism is at heart a tactic for denying reality. In particular, it tries to suppress the reality of change — in the economy as a whole, in industry, in social conditions - and by doing so ensures that change, when it inevitably comes, is a lot more painful since people have not been prepared for it.

There may well be 4 billion currently low-wage workers entering an increasingly global economy, but they are not a threat. Rather they are the next generation of consumers for the advanced industrial economies.

Protectionists offer the public nothing more than an illusion —an illusion of time standing still in a golden age that never was. The reality behind it is the continued impoverishment of developing countries and transition economies whose hopes for growth rest on trade, and on whose growth depend the industrialized world's hopes for its own prosperity.

We should never forget that the last time protectionist policies had the upper hand in the Northern Hemisphere was in the 1930s. The result is a matter of historical and horrible record.

The WTO won't be a once-and-for-all answer to protectionists. They will no doubt always find an audience, like other peddlers of quack remedies, wherever there is fear. But it can make an enormous contribution toward removing the causes of those fears and so toward depriving the protectionist virus of a host body.

This is why it is so crucially important that governments and people everywhere give their active support to the organization, not just for itself but for what it means: a world trading system based on equity, openness and cooperation rather than suicidal selfishness.

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## UN Foot-Dragging Could Make a Sham of the War Crimes Tribunal

WASHINGTON - Last Goldstone of South Africa, chief prosecutor of the first international war crimes tribunal since Nuremberg and Tokyo, laid out before three judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia the case against the first of those to be held responsible for murders, tortures, rapes and other crimes known by the chilling phrase "ethnic cleansing." The judges have already issued one indictment; more are forthcoming.

But the success or failure of the international community's first effort since World War II to hold individuals accountable for genocide, "crimes against humanity"

By Thomas S. Warrick

and war crimes may not be determined by Justice Goldstone's prosecutors and investigators, nor by the 11 judges who will hear the evidence assembled by his team and by the UN Commission of Experts headed by the American law professor Cherif Bassiouni.

Rather, the fate of the first effort in almost 50 years to put teeth into international law will likely be determined this week by two little-known UN committees, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Ques-tions (ACABQ) and the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly. These panels control the purse strings of the United Na-

tions, which means that they will decide whether those ultimately responsible for ethnic cleansing are ever to be brought to justice. These war crimes cases will be witness-driven. There is no paper trail - at least, not yet. Justice

Goldstone's investigators will have to interview as many witnesses as possible to find those willing to testify. To prosecute a camp commander for crimes against humanity may take the court testi-mony of 50 witnesses. To prove

that there was a policy of systematic rape — and there was — will require hundreds of witnesses who now live all over Europe. mation of mass graves, such as the one near Vukovar, Croatia, where 200 Croats were taken from a hospital, massacred and dumped in a shallow grave. The initial budget for the war

crimes tribunal was a scandal. Of the \$32.6 million the tribunal was supposed to get for 1994-1995, \$22.6 million was for judges, administration and overhead. Some \$8.1 million was for prosecutors' and investigators' salaries, and \$1.4 million for the defense.

For the real expenses of investigations — travel for investigators, translators so that investigators could talk to witnesses, witnesses' travel and security, forensic and medical experts, mass grave exhumations and postmortems, trans-portation of suspects to trial, tracking 10,000 pages a month coming in from refugee interviews, investigating new war crimes, and investigations into the destruction of cultural landmarks - the budget was a mere \$562,300.

As little as this was, the ACABQ and the Fifth Committee cut it by 20 percent for 1994, allowing nothing for 1995 and claiming that the UN Office of Legal Affairs had not justified even what was proposed. Even with \$3 million and the

loan of 22 prosecutors and investigators from the United States, and the support of a few other, mostly non-European countries, investigations have been slow to get up to speed for a lack of money. When I was in The Hague in

July. 20 assistant prosecutors and

Some of the best evidence will investigators had to share a single the Netherlands. (Most of the witnesses are in Germany, Austria, Denmark and the former Yugoslavia.)

Justice Goldstone came on the job in August, and the investiga-tors he has are now in the field. More are urgently needed. For 1995, he has asked the UN committees for \$11.5 million. The Iran-contra investigation, which tried only about a dozen readily identified U.S. political figures, cost more than \$40 million.

There have been many serious allegations that the United Nations is dragging its feet on war crimes investigations. Sadruddin Aga Khan, former UN high comsioner for refugees, warned in The New York Times last February that the teeth were being pulled from the tribunal and only a facade will remain."

When Frits Kalshoven, the first chairman of the commission of experts for Yugoslavia, resigned, he told Renters that "problems with the UN bureaucracy" made the United Nations slow to release resources needed for investigations.

The United Nations should give the tribunal the resources it needs to succeed. The credibility of international justice is on the line.

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#### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: Is Stevenson Alive? LONDON - The question which is now agitating the minds

of the general reading public is: "Is Robert L. Stevenson dead or not?" The Evening Standard says: "The relatives of Mr. R. L. Stevenson are still of the opinion that he is alive. Mr. Stevenson's wife was suffering from what was believed to be an intra cranial aneurism. The death described in the telegram from Auckland is precisely indicative of a ruptured intra cranial aneurism, and the person really dead may be the novelist's wife. and Mr. Stevenson may yet be able to read his own obituary notices."

1919: No Time in Paris

PARIS - There should be a considerable demand for cheap wrist-watches if the coal shortage continues. The latest phase of "peace time conditions" has been

the stopping of all the automati-cally controlled pneumatic clocks in Paris offices and at prominent street corners, because of insufficient coal, with the result that the hurrying pedestrian is amazed to find that he has made his journey literally in "no time."

#### 1944: German Gains SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, Allied Expeditionary

Forces, Paris - (From our New York edition: As protests poured in from almost all the Allied world over the suppression of news of German gains on the western front, supreme headquarters pulled the curtain aside partly, and promised a bigger view of the situation. The positions of the German and Allied armies will be made public once daily, after a sufficient time-lag to make sure the enemy will reap no benefit from the information.

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## Somebody Has to Say These Things

ROCKVILLE Maryland -Franklin D. Roosevelt remarked that a society can be gauged by how well it treats its poorest members. Since I became surgeon general of the United States Public Health Service — the world's largest group of expertly trained public health professionals - I have worked hard to follow the tradition of this office by speaking out about the hard choices we all face in taking care of those who do not have anyone to take care of them.

Indeed, even acknowledging the existence of such people is proving difficult for many.

Our country is engaged in a wrenching debate about who we are, where we are going, what we believe in, and the role of government in keeping our nation healthy. Our streets and jails are teeming with children and young people nobody wants. The rates of sexually transmitted discases continue growing.

As parents, teachers and leaders, we cannot stand by and let our children slip away because of ignorance or a failure of courage. This means telling the truth to our young people about the risks of their behavior and giving them ways to reduce these risks.

Many tough and complex public health issues involve some of the most private aspects of life. As surgeon general, C. Everett Koop was one of the first to sound the alarm with frank talk about the dangers of sexually transmitted diseases and ways to prevent them. His successor. Antonia Novello, did so, too. I regret that some of the

words I have uttered about

By Joycelyn Elders The writer resigned as U.S. surgeon general on Dec. 9.

these and other matters have caused discomfort. But I regret even more the realities that they describe.

Sexual practices are, of course, best left to consenting adults, behind closed doors. But sex becomes a proper subject for government when sexual behavior endangers public health, as is clearly the case with AIDS and other diseases, or leads to increased poverty, ignorance and enslavement, as is the case with

unplanned, unwanted children. While abstinence is always to be urged on young people - and I have so urged repeatedly some of them are far from abstinent. And when they do not have the support system that families can provide, they need to be given information about

how to protect themselves. Nearly half of all poor children in the United States do not grow up in a conventional family, and incomes of single-parent households are one-third those of other households. So local communities, local governments and school systems often have no choice but to end up playing the role of surrogate parent.

It is always easier to stay on the sidelines and let others make things happen. This acquies-cence allows unhealthy and risky lifestyles like these to set the pace of our society: • Nearly 30 percent of

Americans under the age of 20

smoke cigarettes, and the aver-

age age for first use of ciga-

month's elections, tobacco companies are salivating at the thought of improved marketing conditions.

• About half of 18-to-20year-olds have used alcohol in

the past month, and binge drinking has become a common form of recreation for young people in high school and college. Yet more than a third of primary and secondary schools provide no alcohol or drug education, and only nine states require health education. Fewer and fewer tecnagers abstain from sexual intercourse,

while more and more politicians abstain from the debate about comprehensive health education. And fewer than half of sexually active teenagers used a condom in their last sexual encounter. About 40 percent of preg-

receive any prenatal care in their first trimester. Change demands active involvement; sometimes one person with courage can make a majority. "The day we see the truth and cease to speak," said Martin Luther King Jr., "is the

nant minority women do not

day we begin to die. As I leave public life, I will continue to be a voice for the poor and the powerless and to do my best to see that the goals of this administration are reached to make the world a better place for all God's children.

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## The Chechens and Russia: A Hatred as Old as the Land

WASHINGTON — Exasperated about Russia's failure to crush Chechen resistance, a senior Russian bureaucrat addressed an urgent memorandum to his superiors.

This could have happened last week, as the Red Army attacked the tiny, obstinate north Caucasian nation. Or it could have happened in February 1944, or October 1920. In this case, though, it was 1834, and the addressee was Emperor Nicholas I.

"The Chechens," wrote the Russian civil servant, spend their life plundering and raiding their neighbors, who hate them for their ferocity ... Often punished by Russian arms, they are always ready to begin their crimes again ... The only way to deal with this illintentioned people is to destroy it to the last ... This would not be difficult, because

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their total numbers have greatly diminished." Diminished they had, in no small measure thanks to the tireless efforts of four Russian emperors since the days of Catherine the Great. Though Nicholas never approved the blueprint for a "final solution" of the Chechen question, he proceeded to drown the Chechnya region in blood and carnage.

The Chechens were crushed, their land was deforested, their yurts, or villages, leveled and nearly two-thirds of their population was left dead. Many others were driven into exile in the Ottoman-controlled Middle East, where

their descendants live to this day. Those left behind grew accustomed to gross mistreatment by whoever happened to occupy the Russian throne, be it a Romanov czar, a Bolshevik secretary-general or a democratically elected president.

By Yo'av Karny

have been victimized more often. In the winter of 1944, when Hitler was busy shipping Jews in cattle cars to Auschwitz, Stalin applied the same method to the Che-chens: He ordered the overnight deportation of the entire population to the steppes of Kazakhstan and Siberia. They were accused. along with other Muslim nations, of fictitious

collective collaboration with the Nazis. The nominally autonomous Chechen region was dismantled, and the spoils were divided among Russians, Ossetians and Georgians, all of them Christian. Soviet geographers were ordered to erase from the map any reminder that this ancient nation ever existed.

The Chechens, and their ethnic brethren. the Ingush, were meant to die. One-third did., Those who did not owed much of their survival to their resilience, embodied in a mystical brand of Islam called Sufism.

Sufism, often derided by Russia as "Islamic fundamentalism," has been the Chechen ultimate weapon. It combines the militant, purist notion of an Islamic lifestyle, a message of defiance in the face of adversity and an extraordinary formula for internalizing one's rage. Central to Muslim practice in Chechnya is an ecstatic dance called zikr, taught nearly 150 years ago by Kunta Haji, an illiterate shepherd who experienced a mystical revelation "on the road to Baghdad."

Kunta Zikr is credited with helping the Chechen close their ranks, even at times of Few people on the Russian land mass overwhelming defeat. Men of all ages would

jump and shake their heads and arms. They would beseech God and his prophets to forgive their numerous sins and purify them.

In three weeks of traveling across Chech-Emerging from a trance of an hour or more. they would find catharsis - sometimes weep-

ing or even losing consciousness.
Imperial Russia, having just overcome the Chechen combat skills in battle, was terrified by the nonviolent, self-oriented zikr. In 1864, Kunta Haji was committed to a mental asylum. Zikr was outlawed; performing it became a capital offense. Kunta Haii's followers were massacred or banished to Siberia.

But the Chechens' saga of resistance was far from over. In 1877 they rose up in arms. In the early 20th century, they were briefly seduced by Lenin, whose emissaries sought to convert the socially egalitarian Chechens to communism, but eventually revolted against Bolshevism in 1920 and gave the Red Army a bloody nose. They rebelled again in 1929 and in 1940. Throughout, the Chechens managed to preserve not only their tradition-Soviet and post-Soviet experts have greatly underestimated this phenomenon.

Stalin's 1944 deportation was reversed in 1957, but at no point did his successors see fit to offer an apology, let alone indemnities. The outside world knew little of the plight of this isolated nation.

Through the '70s, the Soviet government was to treat Grozny, the capital of Chechnya. roots of the Chechen conflict: its own misas enemy territory, where nighttime curfews were imposed as a matter of routine.

Outright hatred of all matters Chechen are

nya. I came across few Chechens who opposed their nation's independence. Many who vociferously objected to the present leader, Dzhokar Dudayev, still insisted that independence was not a plank in somebody's party platform, but a tenet of faith.

Mr. Dudayev, a retired Soviet general, proved to be too narcissistic, too temperamental and at times unnecessarily provocative. He evoked too often the historical figure Sheikh Mansour, the heroic leader of Chechnya's first rebellion against Russia two centuries ago. In doing so, and in dealing brutally with his political rivals, he made it much easier for Moscow to demonize him. Even worse, he played into the hands of proponents of racist stereotypes, already valent in Russian society.

Chechen prominence in Russian organized crime (talking of the "Chechen mafia" al clan system but their religious structure. is how Russians give themselves a good chill Soviet and post-Soviet experts have greatly on a hot day) allowed Moscow to portray Mr. Dudayev as a Caucasian Godfather.

Russian ministers talk of Chechnya's transformation into a "free crime zone." Yet Russia has not hesitated to employ the good offices of convicted assassins and well-known crime sses in trying to undermine Mr. Dudavev. All along, Russia has failed to recognize the treatment of the Chechens.

Mr. Karny, an Israeli journalist, recently common to Russians, be they narrow-minded spent three months in the Caucusus and is nationalists or ostensibly tolerant liberals. writing a book about the region. He contributor anywhere else, for that matter gather in public, form circles, chant prayers. Many who threw in their lot with the independed this comment to The Washington Post.

## The Millennium Is Near — **Nearer Than You Think**

By Wick Allison

LARCHMONT. New York — Maybe we should deck the halls with a few more boughs of holly. ARCHMONT, New York -From the best evidence, it appears that Jesus Christ was born in 6 B.C.

If a Roman monk hadn't made a simple miscalculation 1.400 years ago, the world would be celebrating the 2000th Christmas on Sunday.

#### MEANWHILE

And the Sunday after that, we would be celebrating New Year's Day 2000. How did the mistake happen? It started with an attempt to fix the date not of Christmas but of Easter.

Easter, like Passover, is based on a calculation involving the lunar and solar calendars. The calculation can be done any number of ways, and by the 6th century A.D., differences abounded. Finally, in 525, Pope John I commissioned a well-regarded scholar, the monk Dionysius Exiguus, to develop a system that everyone could agree on.

Dionysius was an expert not only in canon law but in astronomy and mathematics, and he had no trouble coming up with new tables for Easter. The hard part was getting bishops to adopt them.

It may have been to popularize his system that he hit on another bright idea: renumbering the years to focus on the birth of Christ.

Most of Europe then still operated under Emperor Diocleuan's version of the old Roman calendar, which dated the years ab urbe condi-

ia — from the founding of the city. Diocletian had been one of the church's fiercest persecutors, argued the monk, so why rely on him for its system of dating? And which was more important — the founding of a collapsed empire or the incarnation of Jesus Christ, savior of the world?

Dionysius designated the first year after Christ's birth as anno Domini (year of our Lord) 1. Jesus's birth, then, took place late in the year before that: not 0, but 1 B.C.

Dionysius's theology may have been on the mark, but his chronology wasn't. Somehow he decided to place Jesus's birth in the 753d year of the old Roman calendar. Christian scholars have long questioned

this reckoning, and for good reason. Herod the Great, King of Judea, died in the 750th year after Rome was founded. As we know from the Gospels of both Matthew and Luke, Jesus was born in Herod's reign. So Dionysius was at least three years off - and the evidence tilts to live.

In Matthew's account, Herod in-

terrogates the magi who come to visit Jesus, and after establishing the date of the child's birth, he orders the killing of all the male children of Bethlehem aged 2 and under. Joseph is warned by an angel to flee to Egypt; he returns with the holy family only after Herod dies.

Contrary to conventional piety and millions of creches - the magi were not at the manger on Christmas night - or even Epiphany (Jan. 6), when their arrival is celebrated. Matthew indicates that their jour-

ney took months, not days. By the time they arrived and lingered in Jerusalem, consulted with Herod and moved on to Bethlehem to worship the child, more time would have passed. Jesus would no longer have been a newborn.

By the time the holy family fled to Egypt, lived there, then returned at Herod's death in 4 B.C., he would have been as old as a year or two. That places his birth before 5 B.C.

Luke doesn't mention the magi. His only reference to a historical date is a census that was taken "while Quirinius was governor of Syria." That can't be right, since Quirinius became legate in Syria in A.D. 6 -- by which time Herod had been dead for 10 years.

But Roman records tell us a Quintilius was legate in Syria from 6 B.C. to 4 B.C. Did Luke - writing some 70 years after the event - get the name wrong? It's not unusual, even in the Gospels.

Placing the birth before 5 B.C., yet during the time of Quintilius, would mean that Jesus was born

The magi, of course, were following a star. Of the many attempts that have been made to identify it, one is especially intriguing. Chinese astronomers recorded what must have been a supernova in the early spring of 5 B.C. If, as Matthew says, the magi began their journey after Jesus was born, this would suggest a birth date in the winter of 6-5 B.C. around, say, Christmas?

Every Christmas is special, and the Christmas message is timeless whether one accepts the Gospels literally or figuratively.

But it may add a glow to a cold, crisp night in December 1994 to know that this is the 2,000th Christmas to warm the human heart.

The writer, former publisher of National Review, is author of "That's in the Bible?" a study guide for adults. He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

#### Bosnia Needs the UN

In the view of Refugees International, the UN Protection Force should remain in Bosnia - and be strengthened - to assist in the delivery of essential humanitarian relief supplies to Bosnians this winter.

The UN presence seems essential for assuring that the airlift to Sarajevo and the overland convoys to other parts of Bosnia continue to operate. The UN forces are a modest check on the Bosnian Serbs and a reminder to them that the world continues to have an interest in the welfare of the Bosnian people.

Unprofor should be withdrawn from Bosnia only in the context of a comprehensive strategy to stop the Bosnian Serbs' aggression against

what remains of Bosnia. Should the United Nations and NATO agree to a campaign of air strikes to enforce the flight-exclusion zone over Bosnia and to protect UN-designated safe areas, Unprofor might have to be withdrawn or

vilians in highly exposed areas, under NATO air cover.

However, if we are not prepared to take this forthright step. UN peacekeeping forces should remain in Bosnia. We should not further abandon Bosnian civilians to the

tender mercies of the Bosnian Serbs. LIONEL ROSENBLATT. President. Refugees International. Washington.

#### On Bosnia, With Thanks

Many thanks to Anthony Lewis, William Pfaff and William Safire for various columns on Bosnia, as well as to Adrian Hastings, Norman Stone, Mark Almond, Noel Malcolm and Branka Magas, for "On Bosnia, Washington Should Stop Deferring to London and Paris" (Opinion, Nov. 29). Their words are a relief to all those who are still able to think. Please do not stop.

CHIARELLA WINTER. Paris.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

the United States is involved for global progress praises Bill Clinton's Mr. Byrne's chess column. Indeed, intelligent and forthright statesman- in my capacity as Keeper of the ship. Why can't Americans judge him by his accomplishments, of which they should be proud, rather than his flaws, which seem in no way to ham- clotted monotony which characterper his international championing of ize Mr. Byrne's commentary is their best interests? (Could they sursomething that we cherish, admiring vive living in the glass house that is as we do systematic schemes and the White House?)

ALAN DAVID SHEAN. Dun, France. President Bill Clinton is a hypo-

critical opportunist. OLGA PICURI.

#### Dull Men in a Turmoil

Dull Men's Club (Motto: "Out of it and proud of it"), suffered in silence

redeployed, along with Bosnian ci- Clinton: Passing Judgment Morgan from the pages of your journal. We have continued to purchase Every foreign leader with whom the IHT each Tuesday so we can wallow in the sublime stodginess of in my capacity as Keeper of the Archives, my principal task is to knife out the chess column and catalogue same. The stolid inertia and

consistent regimentation. Close scrutiny of our archives for the last decade reveals only eight occasions on which Mr. Byrne has deviated from his familiar, formulaic final line: "... and black [or white] gave up." Those eight deviations are entirely acceptable, for they involve no more than the addition or deletion of an article or conjunction. We do not begrudge Mr. Some time ago, our group, The Byrne his rare flights into literary sensationalism; nobody is perfect.

We note with no modest amount the sudden departure of Dr. Rex of unsettling trepidation, even

Dumpty of the black position together." Such spirited pretensions cannot possibly be the work of Mr. Byrne; we suspect that some anarchistic staffer has tampered with the original text. The Dull Men's Club would greatly appreciate editorial efforts to preclude another such misadventure. ROGER KNOEBBER.

alarm, the column of Nov. 29, which

concludes "... there would have

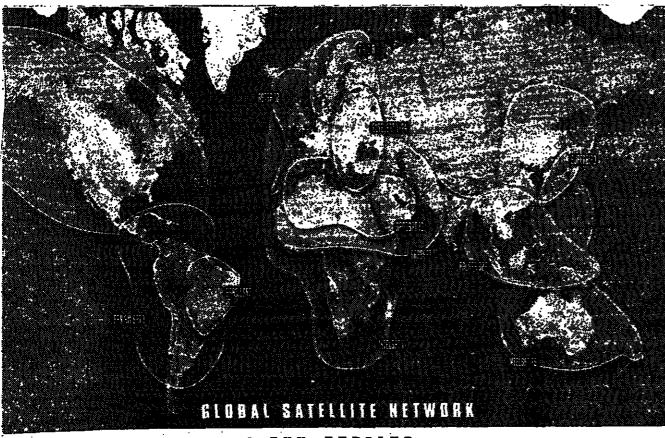
been no way to put the Humpty-

#### Miraculous Descendance

Regarding an item in the People column (Nov. 29) on "descendants" of Sir Isaac Newton:

Since Sir Isaac Newton was never married, nor, as far as anyone knows, did he father any children out of wedlock, how could his descendants have come down? Gravity isn't the answer to everything.

NORMAN SANDERS. Drammen, Norway.



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## Plutonium Surplus: Bury or Burn Up?

## U.S. Disposal Team Rules Out All but Variants of 2 Methods

By Thomas W. Lippman

WASHINGTON — As the U.S. stockpile of toxic bombgrade surplus plutonium continues to grow, a Clinton administration team searching for a way to dispose of the material has effectively eliminated most proposals as economically or politically unacceptable. That leaves only two or three realistic options, none of them cheap or

All of the exotic disposal methods proposed in the past, such as sending the plutonium into space to be incinerated by the sun or burying it in the seabed, have been screened out, according to team members. Still on the table are variants of two basic choices: burning the plutonium as fuel in nuclear reactors or burying it deep in the

The timetable calls for a decision in 13 months on a disposal method that will have to meet challenging criteria: It must be safe, environmentally and politically feasible, secure from terrorists, acceptable to Russia and affordable, and it must not contradict U.S. policy on nuclear nonproliferation.

"At this time, the U.S. government has just begun to consider all of these possibilities and their potential implications," said Frank vonHippel, assistant director of the White House science office and cochairman of the interagency group studying the problem.

As the Cold War fades into

the past, the United States is disassembling about 1,400 nuclear warheads a year. In the past, plutonium from retired warheads was reused in new weapons. But now the government is not making new weapons, so the plutonium is piling up, mostly in temporary storage facilities at an Energy Department site near Amarillo, Texas.

Plutonium is highly toxic, flammable in some forms and radioactive. About 15 pounds (about seven kilograms) can be fashioned into a nuclear explosive device with relative ease. Although the exact amount of the stockpile surplus remains classified, it widely is reported to be about 100 metric tons.

A report by the National Academy of Sciences termed the surplus bomb material "a clear and present danger to national security." According to many officials, the material could be stored indefinitely in its present form, but doing that would require extensive, expensive security arrangements.

The leading options still under active consideration:

• Placement of plutonium in ealed canisters in "boreholes" drilled at least two miles (more than three kilometers) deep.

• Conversion into borosilicate glass by mixing the plutonium with sand and other materials and heating it in 'vitrification" ovens, with the glass logs then placed in an underground repository.

• Blending the plutonium into a mixed oxide fuel that would then be consumed in commercial nuclear power

All these options "look quite feasible technically," Mr. von-Hippel said, but each also presents difficulties. Deep bore-hole storage, for example, would require finding a site. Given the intensity of public and congressional opposition to any kind of nuclear waste storage facility, any site proposed is certain to set off a political

In addition, this option would mean leaving the plutonium in weapons-usable form in temporary storage for all the years required to develop the

Vitrification would convert the plutonium to a form much more difficult to recapture for use, either by the government or by terrorists. But the United States does not have an operating vitrification plant and, in any case, the government has no repository site for the radioactive glass logs that vitrification would produce.

That leaves conversion to mixed oxide fuel for use as power plant fuel, most likely in existing U.S. or Canadian reactors. The problem with this is that it conflicts with President Bill Clinton's effort to discourage nations such as Russia and Japan from using plutonium as

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## **AMERICAN TOPICS**

#### A Florida Shopping Mall Santa Turns Into Scrooge for 3 Kids

It was more "Bah, humbug," than "Ho, ho, ho," when a surly Santa Claus told a 6-year-old boy he was not getting any presents and challenged the kid's dad to a fight.

Chip and Lori Crabtree had brought their sons, ages 2, 4 and 6, to a shopping mall in Jacksonville, Florida, so the boys could tell Santa what they wanted for Christmas. Mrs. Crabtree was wearing a T-shirt boosting the University of Florida's sports teams, the Gators. "Santa Claus doesn't like Gator fans."

Mr. Crabtree quoted Santa as saying. "Santa Claus wishes that Florida State would beat the Gators in the Sugar Bowl," a football game to be played Jan.

being rude, the less-than-jolly old soul pushed the 6-year-old off his lap and stood up to poke his white-gloved finger into Mr. Crabtree's chest.

When the Crabtrees told Santa he was

"You want to do something about it right now, pal?" Santa said, according to Mr. Crabtree. "Right here on stage?"

Mr. Crabtree demurred, mail security jumped in and Santa walked off the job, to the dismay of the other children in

Mall officials apologized, and said they did not know the grumpy Santa's real name.

Mr. Crabtree said later told his boys that had not been the REAL Santa at the mall. But his 6-year-old already knew: "There wasn't any magic in his eyes."

#### Short Takes

Members of the public can now obtain report cards on hospitals. The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations, a private, nonprofit agency founded in 1951 and based in Chicago, accredits most U.S. hospitals after thorough inspections. It is paid for by the hospital industry and by the American Medical Association. It has long issued its findings only to hospital administrators and, in some cases, to federal officials. Its reports can determine whether a hospital is eligible for taxpayer funds, state licenses and insurance reimbursements. This month, as part of what a spokesman called an effort "to provide more and more information to the public," the agency will start releasing reports of its inspections to anybody who asks for them - and is willing to pay \$30 per hospital.

In Auburn, Washington, a paralyzed victim of muscular dystrophy, Chris Tappan, 23, started across an isolated railroad crossing in his wheelchair and got stuck. Fifteen minutes of effort to get unstuck were unavailing. Then a train whistled its approach. "I started yelling." he recalled. Fortunately, Tom Svendgard, 25, was working nearby and sprinted to the rescue. "When I got to him, the crossing bars came down," Mr. Svendgard said. He got the wheelchair off the tracks with about five seconds to spare.

Matthew J. Bruccoli, a University of South Carolina professor who has written or edited 21 books about F. Scott Fitzgerald, parted company with the Cambridge University Press when on editing a definitive edition of "The Great Gatsby," he came to Mr. Fitzgerald's description of a billboard face so huge 'the retinas are one yard high." Since the retinas are the cells at the back of the eye, Mr. Fitzgerald obviously meant "pupils or "irises." Mr. Bruccoli tried to change the text, but was overruled. "Editing is not rewriting," he complained in the Chronicle of Higher Education. "Editing is not desecration. It is an editor's job to edit." On the other hand, to this day, John Keats, in his poem, "On First Looking Into Chapman's Homer," has Cortez rather than Balboa discovering the Pacific.

tional Herald Tribune.

## FORECAST: A Buoyant 1995 Is Predicted

#### Continued from Page 1

deficit remains a problem, suggesting that taxes will have to be raised soon after the presidential election next spring.

• The Italian economy will continue to grow and inflation could decline to 2.9 percent in 1995 from its present 3.1 percent, but the country will be threatened by a heavy budget deficit as the government is likely to fail to meet its 1995 target for cutting the deficit.

• The British economy will grow by 3.4 ercent in 1995, but interest rates and inflation are expected to increase.

• Mexico, the OECD's newest member, should experience growth of more than 4 percent in both 1995 and 1996, up from 2.9 percent this year.

Turning to non-OECD members, the report said that the Chinese economy, like-

ly to grow at 11.5 percent this year and 10 percent in 1995, was overheated. Efforts to cool down inflation and the overall economy, such as increasing interest rates, could

lead to social unrest, it warned. The OECD report said that growth in the dynamic Asian economies of Hong Kong, South Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand would be nearly 7.6 percent this year, declining to a still healthy level of 7.2 percent in 1995 and 6.9 percent in 1996.

These countries are benefiting from intra-regional investment and trade flows, as well as strong growth in big Asian economies such as China, India and Vietnam, all of which are moving toward a more market-oriented economic model.

In Eastern Europe, the economies of Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovakia

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will do better than others in 1995, with the Polish economy growing by 5 percent, and the other two by 4 percent in 1995.

#### ITALY: The Next Few Days Should Decide Fate of Berlusconi Government

start of a re-election campaign

as an effort to hold on to power. "The election campaign be-

gins tomorrow," Mr. Tatarella In a speech in Milan that was broadcast on television on

the climax of almost three years ability to mediate the way the turmoil in which Italians have old parties did." shed their corrupt-stained political old guard and tried in vain crisis is the decision by the to find a new way of doing political business.

"We do not consider this cri-Monday night, Mr. Berlusconi urged his followers to take to sis to be like the others." Mr. the streets in a "great march for Ferrara said, referring to the

liberty' if Parliament votes endless political horse-trading that marked postwar Italian Italy's crisis has now reached politics. "There is no longer the

> The immediate cause of the Northern League -- one of the three main elements of the government along with Mr. Berlusconi's Forza Italia and the neo-Fascist National Alliance - to seek new allies on the centerright and the left in an attempt to form a new government with-

out new elections. Umberto Bossi, the Northern League's tumuituous leader, has allied himself with the Democratic Party of the Left, the former Communists, as well as with the Popular Party successor to the now defunct Christian Democrats - to muster a claimed 325 of the 630 lower house votes in favor of

toppling the government. It is not clear whether defections from Mr. Bossi's ranks could yet save the day for Mr. Berlusconi. Italian radio said 45 League deputies had rebelled against Mr. Bossi, but many Italian analysts say those numbers may not be enough to save Mr. Beriusconi.

Even if Mr. Berlusconi wins in the lower house, though, it is impossible to see how his government can continue in its present form since the break between the two men now seems beyond repair. Mr. Berlusconi may be calculating that new elections offer his best chance of political survival.

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Mr. Ferrara described new elections as "the only way to clean the atmosphere" and said Mr. Berlusconi would demand to stay on as a caretaker until elections are held, clearly seeking to fight a re-election campaign with all the trappings of high office to support him. To add to the the complex-

ities, a victory in the lower house could easily be canceled out in the upper house, the Senate, where Mr. Berlusconi does not have a majority. If Mr. Berlusconi fails, he is

constitutionally obliged to offer his resignation to President Osthen decide whether to call elec-Mr. Bossi, however, wants

Mr. Scalfaro to authorize negotiations for a government based on his new alliance — without holding fresh elections in which his fortunes would be doubtful.

While the crisis plays out, financial markets have fled from the spectacle of a country so consumed with political insurgency that no one seems to be minding the store. The lira fell to a record low of 1,050 against the Deutsche mark on Tuesday, but the government's thoughts seemed to be elsewhere.

The markets don't vote," said Mr. Ferrara.

#### CHIPS: Intel to Replace Pentiums

Continued from Page 1 designers, scientists, and Wall Street program traders who

make millions of calculations

But the Silicon Valley com-pany found itself under siege last week when IBM Corp., an Intel customer but also a competing chip producer, claimed the Pentium made more mistakes than Intel had admitted.

Although computer experts said IBM may have stacked its own tests of the Pentium to put the competing chip in the worst light, doubts about the accuracy of Intel's products touched off a handful of lawsuits, thousands of requests for replacements, and public ridicule of the company that has tried to establish its brand name as a generic term like Kleenex or Xerox with its campaign of labeling that a computer has an "Intel Inside."

Reversing his position, An- Russia Runs Test drew Grove, the Czech-born engineer who has made Intel perhaps the world's most innovative chip maker, admitted he had endured several troubled weeks because "what we view as an extremely minor technical problem has taken on a life of its own."

He issued a public apology and announced a no-questionsasked replacement policy. pledging to install the new chips at no charge. He said consumer complaints tipped the balance because of "what they saw as a high-handed policy of us deciding who needs a replacement."

Charles Boucher of Hambrecht & Quist, a San Francisco

was "an engineering company that never had been a consumer

company until now. "Engineers like Andy Grove talk their own language, and when they have a problem, they fax each other about it, fix it, and replace it. That isn't always the way you deal with the pub-

Indeed, an Intel spokesman unconsciously demonstrated how far the company still had to travel when he conceded Tuesday that the past few weeks in the company's history had been an "inflection point" using a technical engineering term to describe a fundamental change. Microsoft did no better; its announcement referred to "beta testers," not bothering to define them as testers of products under development.

## On a New Missile

Agence France Presse

military successfully tested a Generalissimo Chiang were alnew intercontinental strategic lowed to control the flow of missile on Tuesday as part of a Allied weapons and ammunidrive to phase out Soviet-era tion into China, "you know weapons, the ltar-Tass news who will get them," adding. agency reported.

The Topol-M ballistic missile get them. was produced entirely in Rus-Soviet missile forces, the agency fight."

replace existing intercontinental missiles, which were de-

#### **RUSSIA:** Tightening Noose Continued from Page 1

Chechnya, which unilaterally declared its independence in

1991. On the other side are arrayed no more than 13,000 Chechen fighters, armed with a motley array of weapons but determined to take to the mountains if necessary to fight a guerrilla war against Russia, much as their ancestors fought off subjugation by Russian czars for decades in the 19th century.

Many people have already been killed and wounded in the fighting, but exactly how many is unclear. The International about 1,000 people had been FUMBLE: wounded in Grozny.

Russian officials said several A No-Win Battle days ago that 17 soldiers had been killed, but have not issued The Chechens say that hundreds have died in Russian bombing raids, including 120 when residential buildings were hit in the overnight assault on Grozny on Tuesday. Those figures cannot be verified.

A Russian legislator and human rights activist, Sergei Kovalyov, who has stationed him-self in Grozny to protest the Russian assault, said that he and his team had seen the bodies of at least 42 civilians killed in recent fighting.

According to the Russian minister for emergency situations, Sergei K. Shoigu, about nearly half of Chechnya's population of 400,000 people have fled in the last few weeks, 100,000 of them since Russia began its assault.

man rights adviser to President meters (1,000 miles) south of Yeltsin, demanded user immediately stop all military assaults and appealed to the no foreign governments recognized the claim, the Chechens mized the claim, the Chechens ing to Reuters.

not tolerate any interference in - Moscow ever since. a matter that they see as entirely internal. A Foreign Ministry of ments in Chechnya, to internain Russia," were improper.

#### **MUSEUM:** Salute to Stilwell

Continued from Page 1 Jialing and Yangtze rivers. The

old U.S. Embassy building. with its distinctive colonnade, is now a cafeteria for the nursing staff of No. 4 Hospital. For all its low profile, the

museum contains an impressive photographic record of General war. There is a visual chronicle of the enormous difficulty of constructing the Burma Road, built by the Allies over some of the world's roughest terrain to supply the Nationalists from India; the dangers faced by the fliers of "The Hump," who brought military cargo over the that most troops sent to Chech-Himalayas while the Burma nya are young and untested in Road was under construction, and the glory of the "Flying Tigers," the American volun-

Nationalists. There are curiosities that can only be donated to collections like this one.

teer pilots who fought for the

One example is the photo of a grinning American flier named william Taylor posing for a snapshot with Mao Zedong af snapshot with Mao Zedong af who just returned from the reter his plane was shot down in July 1945 and Communist guerrillas delivered him to Mao's remote base in Shaanxi Province.

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Communists, however, the importance of General Stilwell was his interest in Mao's forces. He dispatched a military observer mission led by a fluent Chinese speaker, Colonel David D. Barrett, who reached Mao's guerrilla base in Yanan on July 23, 1944.

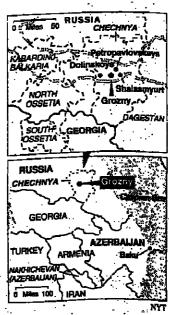
Colonel Barrett charmed the Communist commanders as they charmed him. The museum features one photograph of Kang Keqing, the wife of Mao's top general, Zhu De, presenting flowers to him.

The effusive diplomatic and journalistic reporting about the simple and uncorrupt vigor of the Communist forces was the basis for many recriminations during the American congressional anti-Communist inquiries of the 1950s.

But for General Stilwell, it was just a matter of who would fight the Japanese. He complained to his boss, General MOSCOW - The Russian George C. Marshall, that if You also know who will not

"Somehow," General Stilwell sia, making it a vital step in the argued, "we must get arms to development of Russia's post-the Communists, who will

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any casualty figures since then. forces, with perhaps 1.5 million men, along with Interior Ministry troops can defeat the Chechen fighters, who are thought to number in the low thousands. The Chechens have no air force and few heavy weap-

> In part, the Russian troops slow progress appears to reflect a genuine reluctance to take casnalties or burt civilians

> But the events of the last days, since Mr. Yeltsin sent tanks, troops and warplanes into Chechnya from three direc-tions, have humbled the once proud Red Army and made a mockery of Defense Minister Pavel S. Grachev's early boasts.

"It would be possible to resolve all questions in two hours with one parachute regiment. Mr. Grachev said on Nov. 27.

egan its assault.

Chechnya, a mountainous,
Mr. Kovalyov, the senior hullandlocked region 1,600 kilo-—a proud and combative Muslim people who fiercely resisted But Russian officials made it Russian conquest in the 19th clear Tuesday that they would century — have been tweaking

Last summer, Russia began mounting covert operations ficial, Grigori Karasin, said that against Chechnya, each ending "attempts to attach an interna- in humiliating failure. So, on tional character to the develop- Dec. 11, Mr. Yeltsin sent some 13,000 troops into Chechnya tionalize this internal problem and demanded a swift capitula- :

Instead, while officials in Moscow have offered daily reassurances of quick victory, it ... has failed to materialize.

Some formations have refused orders to move forward for fear of harming civilians, but others have wantonly killed fleeing refugees, according to reports. Interior Ministry troops killed nine civilians over the weekend and flattened their cars with armored vehicles, sources said.

While reporters have found morale high among some Rusvowed not to fight at all. Some soldiers have asked local citizens to burn their vehicles so that they will not have to fight, said Viktor Kurochkin, a member of Parliament.

Pavel Felgengauer, a military specialist for Sevodnya, wrote combat. The army and Interior Ministry troops, thrown together here, have not trained in joint operations.

But perhaps most difficult for the troops has been the lack of clear direction and planning at the top.

task would be, a Western ana-"I think they underestimated both the level of force required

and the timetable," the analyst said. "When they bought off on a military solution, they bought off a real tough nut to crack."

The Russians are facing partisan warfare in mountainous terrain, with extended lines of communication and no easy way to resupply their troops. The fog, snow and short days cancel much of Russia's advantage in air power. The troops' reductance to hurt civilians, including many ethnic Russians who live in Grozny, further complicates campaign, the Western analyst said.

#### Egypt Seeks to Cut Cost Of Border Monitors

CAIRO — Egypt wants to cut the costs of the multinational force that monitors the Egyptian-Israeli border, Foreign Minister Amr Moussa said Tuesday during a visit to Cairo by President Ezer Weizman of Israel.

"There is no problem with the multinational force," Mr. Moussa said. "It's just the question of the high expenses." Egypt, Israel and the United States split the costs, but Mr. Moussa did not say what they were. The United States profirm that specializes in high-tech companies, said that Intel Union's various republics, most often as "Peanut."

were. The United States pro-vides the largest contingent, about 1,000 men.

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## The Post-Mandela Puzzle At the ANC's Congress, a Lively but Unspoken Concern

New York Times Service
BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa — Nothing on the program says so, and few of the 3,000 delegates would put it this way, but as the ANC congress met here for its first national conference as a governing party, the unspoken topic was.
What happens after Nelson

-: •

The subject was implicit in the sense of generational change, including the consecra-tion of Thabo Mbeki, a wily diplomat who spent the apartheid years in foreign exile, as the heir apparent to Mr. Man-

It was visible in the attempts to shore up the party machine to make it less dependent on cut their own separate deals Mr. Mandela's unifying moral authority and his matchless

ability to raise money.

It was there in the party's efforts to tighten its grip on its members of the Parliament and government, some of whom are accused of being seduced by the trappings of office.

In the closed sessions where the party airs its differences, some have begun to question Mr. province they control.

Mandela's emphasis on ecoThe only potential c nomic growth and racial reconciliation rather than on black power and the redistribution of wealth.

To be sure, Mr. Mandela, 76, does not act like a lame duck. He remains robust and dizzy-

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service. Just call us today at 05-437-437 ingly popular, and his concilia-

lory vision prevails. But the African National Congress seems certain to dominate South African politics long after Mr. Mandela, who has indicated he is unlikely to seek a second term in 1999. The party has strong support in polls and, although drained of much talent by the exodus into public office and burdened by election debts estimated at \$20 million, it has no serious chal-

The National Party of Frederik W. de Klerk survives largely as a token of reassurance for the economically powerful white minority. And even that role is diminishing as

The Pan Africanist Congress, which has posed for years as the militant alternative, won less than 2 percent of the popular vote, and is now fracturing internally.

The Inkatha Freedom Party is a provincial power, so much And it was there in the debate so that some of its leaders talk about what the party stands for. of giving up their three seats in Mr. Mandela's coalition Cabinet to focus on the mainly Zulu

The only potential challenge to the ANC is from within, and here in Bioemfontein there has been no sign that an open split

accommodating to the white minority, the congress has a unity that sometimes feels more religious than political, as when delegates rock the rafters with oyous hymns to their leaders.

The cohesion comes not so popularity.' much from an identity of views as from common membership in a grand cause, combined with a knack for keeping disagreements inside the family.

A good example is the way the party, after threats of an actimonious succession strug-gle, has unified behind Mr. Mbeki, who is already deputy president in the government, to support his ascension to the same position in the party.

This elevation is confirmation of his status as presidentin-waiting, because in South Africa it is the winning party, not the electorate, that names the president.

Mr. Mbeki's most formidable prospective rival, Cyril Ramaphosa, tacitly acquiesced by agreeing to stay on as party secretary-general, essentially chief operating officer. Mr. Mbeki, 52, is generally regarded as a vote for continu-

assumed to be Mr. Mandela's favorite (though the president has carefully avoided saying The main question about the charming Mr. Mbeki is whether he is too eager to please every-

ity and balance. He is widely

"He can be diplomatic to the point where many people regard him as weak," Mr. Mandela once said of his protégé.

That is not a great problem as long as there is a consensus on the balance between stability and change, between comfort-ing the 5 million whites with their vital capital and skills and is imminent.

Despite some dissent over whether the party has been too delivering benefits for the 30 million blacks who provided most of the organization's

But if the government fails to produce visible improvements in the lives of blacks, pressures will grow for what Mr. Mandela calls "a blind pursuit of cheap

To resist the pressure will require a toughness and moral authority that Mr. Mandela cannot automatically pass on



Cyril Ramaphosa being carried shoulder high after re-election as ANC secretary-general.

## ANC Elects Woman to Leadership Post

BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa — African National Congress members completed their top leadership roster Tuesday, electing a woman, Cheryl Carolus, as deputy secretary meral and Jacob Zuma, a Zulu politician, as national chair-

On Monday, President Nel-

leaders running unopposed were elected to four other senior positions. With the top six posts determined, delegates to the ANC's 49th national conference moved on Tuesday to elections for the national executive, the party's 80-member governing body.
The national executive elec-

tion had caused some controversy at the conference, the from the floor, as has been norson Mandela and three other ANC's first since it became the mal practice.

governing party. Mr. Mandela had proposed that a committee nominate a list of candidates for the governing body, in hopes of increasing the number of women and nonblack leaders. But ANC members rejected his suggestion, protesting that having nominations dictated from above would be undemocratic. Nominations will come

## Japan, in Rare Move, Seeks to Cut Budget

TOKYO - The cabinet cials said.

adopted a Finance Ministry draft of the national budget Tuesday that would cut spending for the first time in 40 years. Dwindling tax revenues are behind the decision to seek a 2.9 percent decrease in the budget for the 1995-96 fiscal year, starting in April, to 70.99 tril-lion yen (\$709 billion). It would be the first spending drop since 1955-56.

Finance Minister Masayoshi Takemura warned that balancing the budget would become even tougher in the future.

"Fiscal conditions are expected to become tougher and tougher down the road even for a budget for a single year." he

Although the Japanese economy is seen gradually moving to be finalized Dec. 25 before

unlikely to recover rapidly, offi-

Japan will slow the rate of increase in military spending, with next year's budget marking the smallest growth in 35 years. The Finance Ministry set the 1995-96 military budget at \$47.2 billion, up 0.86 percent

from fiscal 1994. Slower growth will be achieved through minor reductions in procurement plans for tanks and jet fighters and through a plan to raise military retirement ages, officials said.

Japan, the world's top aid donor, also plans to hold down growth in its official development assistance budget to a record low in 1995-96. The draft budget sets a growth rate of 3.2 percent for development assistance, at \$10.9 billion.

out of its worst recession since being sent to Parliament in Jan-World War II, tax revenues are uary for approval.

## Gore Visit to China Weighed As a 'Trial Run' for Clinton

New York Times Service

BELIING - The United States and China are discussing a visit here next year by Vice President Al Gore or Hillary Rodham Clinton as a "trial run" for a state visit by President Bill Clinton, Western officials here say.

Mr. Clinton has been reluctant to visit China because of that country's repressive human-rights practices and has privately admonished the leadership to make improvements

before any visit can be considered, the officials say. The discussions are part of a continued effort by the White House and China's party leaders to improve contacts as the health of the senior leader, Deng Xiaoping, deteriorates.

Thus a Gore trip "would be a trial run in a lot of respects," a Western diplomat said. One Western official said that if an environmental conference could not be organized, then Mr. Gore, or perhaps Mrs. Clinton, could lead a U.S. delegation to attend a UN conference on women in September.

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## First, Get the Trademark

By Todd Krieger
New York Times Service

ANTA MONICA, California - In one scene, Macaulay Culkin screams deliriously as he rounds a mrn in his very own backyard roller coaster. In another, the family butler opens wide the doors of the young billionaire's private fast-food paradise as his awe-struck friends look to him and say. "You have look to him and say, "You have your own McDonald's!"

That's right: Richie Rich, the comic-book sensation of a generation back, has blasted out of retirement and onto the big screen. The trailer is everywhere "Richie Rich" the movie opens on Wednesday and if all goes as planned, the merchandising flood linked to the trademark - from T-shirts to video games to fast-food tie-ins - will be

Trademark — that's the word that really excites Jeffrey Montgomery, 30, the chief executive of Harvey Entertainment Co., which owns the Richie Rich character. He has watched huge marketing riches flow from films like "The Lion King" and "Jurassic Park" and wants to get in on the game.

And he seems likely to have a shot at it, considering the potent names attached to the film: the producers Joel Silver (best known for the "Lethal Weapon" and "Die Hard" movies) and John Davis ("The Firm" and the forthcoming "Water-world," with Kevin Costner).

But it is Montgomery who is the driving force behind Richie Rich's rebirth. "Ask me if I'd character but that the company rather have a studio with 10,000 could be bought outright.

employees or a trademarked character," he said and "I'd

take the character any day." That has been his goal ever since he emerged from the University of Southern California film school in 1988. That was the year the Teenage Mutant Nînja Turtles were on the move, making their way toward their first film, which would earn \$51 million in its first two weeks, found in hit characters.

Armed with a development deal with Columbia Pictures, he went on the prowl for trademarked characters to base a film on. That search bore fruit at a domant company called in the United States these days, Harvey Comics Entertainment. Founded in 1939 by three brothers, Alfred, Leon and Robert Harvey, the company enjoyed a remarkable run from the mid-'50s to the mid-'70s, mixing comic-book publishing with animated television and product licenses.

> FTER buying the comic-book rights to characters like Casper the Friendly Ghost and Baby Huey, the Harveys went on to create their own characters - Richie Rich, Hot Stuff and Wendy the Good Little Witch. Yet as the brothers aged - they have all since died they groomed no successors to manage their film and publishing library. By the early '80s. revenues had almost dried up.

Enter Montgomery, his head dancing with visions. After a call to Harvey's offices in New York City, be quickly realized not only that there was a possibility of getting film rights to a

issory notes and \$3 million contributed by a college friend, Ahmad ibn Khalid at Saud of the Saudi royal family, he bought it for \$7.5 million and moved it to California. To raise working capital, he sold a stake to

MCA/Universal for \$3 million. So now Montgomery is poised to make his leap to the big time. And he has a team that wouldn't be on board if it didn't smell success. Silver's films have grossed nearly \$2 billion, and Warner, which has built successful franchises around characters like Superman and Batman, presumably wouldn't put its formidable marketing, publicity and production resources behind a movie with an estimated budget of \$35 million without being confident that it can recoup its investment in box-office receipts and video rentals.

Moreover, another character from the Harvey archives is set for the star treatment, too. The same production team that pearheaded "Jurassic Park" — Amblin Productions, headed by Steven Spielberg, and Industri-al Light and Magic, George Lu-cas's special effects company - will bring the ghostly Casper to life again in a film set to open on Memorial Day. In "Casper," which uses complex 3-D tech-nology, the Friendly Ghost will interact with live actors just as cartoon characters did in "Who

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## Kushner Moves From America to Russia

By Sheridan Morley International Herald Tribune

ONDON - For those of us. ca" is the most overblown, over-hyped and over-the-top theatrical experience of the '90s thus far, his new "Slavs!" (at the Hampstead) comes as something of a relief. First, it runs only about 90 nointerval minutes, and second, it begins to suggest that from inside that windy,

LONDON THEATER sentimental, proselytizing giant a disci-

plined dramatist might be trying to make an exit.

"Angels in America" was a ghastly example of what can happen when an agenda takes over from an art. "Slavs!" on the other hand knows enough to let its audience do some of the thinking. It has no definable plot, but its theme is the collapse of communism over the last decade. Thus we get to meet the old granitestatue commissars, wonderfully carica-tured by Peter Copley and Peter Bayliss, as well as the victims of Chernobyl and those trying to preserve some sort of faith in a corrupt and now defunct system.

ern perception of it. Kushner's characters and we are admittedly a minor- are no longer in search of a Chekhov to ity, who believe that Tony give them meaning, just eager to explain Kushner's "Angels in Amerito us, as though we were street-corner television reporters, how they got into this chaos and what if anything they plan to do about it. Kushner is not always sure whether he's writing social satire or political tragedy about a nation still torn between another hamburger franchise and the need to preserve its dead leaders' brains in bottles. But "Slavs!" is at least less of a mess than its subject.

> The Donmar Warehouse follows its triumphant 1983 "Cabaret" with another classic, angry Berlin musical in close-up on its studio stage. Sadly, however, that's where the similarity ends. Although "The Threepenny Opera" has been given some wondrous new lyrics by Jeremy Sams, a decision to move it back to the original London (of "The Beggar's Opera") and then update it to the coronation of 2001 leads, in Phyllida Lloyd's agile production, to a considerably uncertain mood.

True, "Opera" has always presented

murderous intentions.

The idea that he has a gay friendship with Simon Dormandy's police chief is mooted, as Robert David MacDonald's new translation tries to make some sort of coherent sense of an always and deliberately ramshackle plot. But the truth is, sacrilege though this must be to Brecht/Weili fans, that "The Threepenny Opera" is now considerably the worse for wear. Nevertheless, a powerful cast and Gary Yershon's small band manage to hold the fort, while time and again Sam's savage new lyrics ("We'll help the foreigner to meet the coroner") suggest that at long, long last Brecht has

found a worthy translator over here. new regime at the Lync Hammersmith ret appeal. All we need is a frame in comes up with its first Christmas treat, which performers such as Janie Dee and Hans Christian Andersen's 'The Little Steven Pacey can work without having problems of time and place, but while Match Girl," which now comes to us to stand around grinning self-conscious-

Matthew Lloyd's sleight-of-hand production offers a series of sketches from current Russian life, or at least the West-Now, a futurist London can offer a few good political jokes but no real frame, while giving "Mack the Knife" to Jemny alone (wonderfully though she is sung by Tara Hugo) inevitably diminishes the status of MacHeath, played here by Tom Hollander as a cockey rock star with murderous intentions. weird snowman partnership, but in the end the production is fatally undecided about its catchment area: children in search of seasonal fantasy, or jaded parents hoping for a better drama?

"The Mercury Workshop Revue" at the new Jermyn Street Theatre is a brave attempt to recapture a long-dead theatrical form, with bittersweet love songs alternating with satirical topical sketches, most of which fall very flat indeed The songs, however, are something else: a haunting number about a divorced, single-parent father, and some anti-lullables by Kit Hesketh-Harvey and James McConnel suggest that we still have the songwriting talent and now a Neil Bartlett's inventively off-center new space in which to celebrate its caba-Brecht brought it 200 years forward from complete with a politically correct final ly at the audience when not actually John Gay to a fictional 1900 London, message about the dangers inherent in required center stage.

## Beethoven Days in Paris

By David Stevens International Herald Tribune

ARIS - At 71, Wolfgang Sawallisch is the latest in the long line of distinguished graduates of a lifetime in German opera houses. After more than two decades as music and artistic director of the Bavarian State Opera in his native Munich he has closed the door on the hurlyburly of theater life to become the music director --- only the third since Stokowski - of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

He has been in Paris for the last couple of weeks for his first, but not last, encounter with the Orchestre de Paris for a project hatched in the fertile mind of the late Pierre Vozlinsky, the orchestra's administrative director. The plan, stretching over this and four more Decembers, is simply to do all the major Beethoven orchestral and choral works, culminating in 1998 with the Missa Solemnis. Since this exercise is laid out

in a generally chronological way, the first round has brought the first two symphonies, the violin concerto, the Triple Concerto, and a pair of overtures. The results sounded promising for the orchestra's health and showed the maestro — generally sober and emotionally reticent at work - in relaxed form, with performances rich in rhythmic vitality and dynamic subtlety, and the orchestra alert and responsive.

The 29-year-old Frank Peter Zimmermann was the poised of the piano sonatas, a perforand eloquent soloist in the vio- mance of superbly controlled lin concerto, while the Triple explosiveness, and Olivier Concerto brought together Charlier and Brigitte Engerer Stadler (violin). But in these concerts of essentially early into the heroic future.

Gerhard Oppitz (piano), Hein-made an elegantly matched duo rich Schiff (cello) and Sergei in the violin-piano sonatas. works, it was the dramatic intensity of the third "Leonore" Overture that gave a glimpse

After all, Paris was early on the Beethoven bandwagon, when the Orchestre du Conservatoire began playing his sym-phonies in 1828, a year after the composer's death. what we did when we did it wasn't easy." Musicians pro-tected her "like their sister." composer's death.

#### By Mike Zwerin tional Herald Tribum

ing Beethoven cycles, Abdel Rahman El Bacha reached the ARIS — Helen Merrill calls herself "one of the 'Appassionata" in his traversal guys." Bud Powell, Bill Evans, Pepper Adams, Oscar Pettiford, Tom Harrell . . . you know, the guys. She's worried that it might sound pompous to say she sang with Meanwhile, the Orchestre She sang duets with Billie Holi-National de France has entered day in Leonard Feather's house. the sweenstakes with the first of These people were not icons. five concerts this season, under they were all in it together. Charles Dutoit and Jeffrey Tate, that will cover all the sym-

She speaks with a sensual hoarseness that comes from her pipes, not cigarettes and whis-key: "We had a lot of courage, we had that in common. Doing

Quincy Jones cast a young Clifford Brown to play behind her on her first, eponymous, album in 1954. Brown, who died at age 25 in a car accident, had just toured Europe in Lionel Hampton's trumpet section and was about to form his seminal quartet with Max Roach. Forty vears later. Merrill's latest album is called "Brownie." Brown's approval rating is almost too overwhelming to be true (so is hers) and for many years Merrill avoided singing the classic ballad "I Remember Clifford" because she was

ute despite those fears. Meanwhile "Helen Merrill" has sold close to 800,000 copies in Japan, where she lived for five years, learned the language and became a star. The song

afraid it might come across as

"crass." She produced her trib-

Home To" from that album is like a pop hit, audiences applaud the introduction. Gil ("Sketches of Spain") Evans arranged for her. Linda Ronstadt copied Merrill's phrasing and inflection. The avant-garde composer La Monte Young described her as "not just the greatest of jazz singers - one of the greatest singers period." She's worked club dates in the Hamptons with Elvin Jones. Chick Corea accompanied her at the Village Vanguard.

Helen Merrill: Waiting to Be Discovered

She grew up Helen Milcetic in the Bronx in a family of Croatian origin. Around the house, her mother used to sing the sort of microtonal East European folksongs that inspired Bartók. Although she sang Jerome Kern too, her mother would never have dreamed of doing it in a er interested in drugs" because "I didn't want to hurt my parents, and anyway I had no interest in that lifestyle. I guess you could call me 'square.' na King and Carmen McRae: Square as a person and one of was always just interested in bit lofty but not really. Dinah

spected pianist-arranger Torrie Zito ("I get jealous when he writes a beautiful arrangement for someone else.") They live on East 83d New York City and move comfortably in the company of peo-

"You'd Be So Nice to Come club. Merrill says she was "nev- ceive royalties from her hit Japa-Merrill is part of a communi-

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ty of singers including Annie Ross, Blossom Dearie, Morga-"We were all very different but the guys with the musicians. I very friendly. Billie was a little Washington was a shoe freak and she used to reprimand me ERRILL is now when I'd go on stage wearing married to the re- my evening gown and forget to change my walking shoes.

She reflects that she used to "wear shades" but now likes to consider herself a "young person who wears glasses." Asked Street near Lexington Avenue in how she manages to keep looking so youthful, she laughs: "I told you. By not smoking that ple with financial and political awful dope. I haven't been dispower who love jazz. After con- covered yet so I have to keep a fronting her record company certain reserve of energy in case with lawyers, she began to re- it happens one day."

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## IRVING BERLIN:

A Daughter's Memoir By Mary Ellin Barrett. 320

pages. \$23. Simon and Schuster. Reviewed by John Eaton

A SK your average citizen of the 1990s about the songwriter Irving Berlin and you're likely to hear something like this: "Let's see, didn't he write White Christmas' and 'God Bless America? And live to be 101?" He did indeed -and, sad to say, this paltry list of cliches is about all that many people now remember of this brilliant and contradictory man, an

as he was totally real. Fortunately, we now have two books, both published since Berlin's death in 1989. First came Lawrence Bergreen's splendid full-scale biography. As Thousands Cheer," in 1992. And now there is this beautifully written memoir by

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American hero as improbable

Berlin's eldest daughter, Mary Ellin Barrett.

His daughter reveals that her famous father lived his life in compartments. There was the songwriter, the "inexplicable, singular genius," largely uneducated, who invented the 20thcentury American popular song. Then there was the millionaire music publisher and self-made entrepreneur. And there was the devoted husband and father. Barrett has a lot to tell us about this last category, and all of it bears out the truth that Berlin, unlike some show biz dads, was an unusually warm, affectionate

and attentive parent. The other amazing half of the Berlin story revolves around the author's remarkable mother, Ellin Mackay Berlin. In her open-ing chapter, Barrett has given us as intimate and complete a picture as we are likely to have of the celebrated Berlin-Mackay romance, courtship and mar- know more of the author's

lectable headlines in the mid-1920s. Defying her fabulously rich, Catholic and socially prominent father and thereby risking

**BOOKS** 

disinheritance, Ellin Mackay in 1926 eloped with Irving Berlin, an unacceptable Jewish immigrant songwriter. Combining remembered conversations, letters and other family lore, Barrett skillfully lets this great American story unfold. In some ways this is the most satisfying chapter in the book, even though it involves events the author did not experience firsthand.

amazing recall of the minutiae of her own childhood and adolescence, the various places the Berlins lived in New York and California, trips abroad and family gatherings. However, the deeper emotional issues are left largely to the reader's imagination. One can't help wanting to riage — events that rocked fash-ionable New York and made de-anti-Semitism. As a child half-

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daughter of two celebrated people, she had one foot in the privileged world of New York's Brearley School and the other in a world peopled by Irving Thalberg, Sam Goldwyn and Ethel Merman. In their own way, the au-

thor's conflicts are the same that her parents experienced and struggled to overcome. As the dramatic core of the whole. Berlin saga, they continue to fascinate and inspire, but that is not the book Barrett wanted to write, or indeed should have written. She has given us, in-stead, an invariably interesting. honest and personal memoir.

John Eaton, a pianist whose series on American popular composers has been broadcast on public television, wrote this for The Washington Post.

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**GATT** Rescues Glaxo's Star Drug

LONDON - Shares of Glaxo PLC surged to a 9-month high Tuesday after the company said its patent for the blockbuster anti-ulcer drug Zantac would be extended in accordance with provisions in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Glaxo said its U.S. patent for ranitidine hydrochloride, the active ingredient in Zantac, would be extended to July 25, 1997, from an original expiration date of Dec. 5, 1995. This could mean nearly \$5 billion in additional U.S. sales for the British drug maker.

Zantac, the world's best-selling prescription drug, generated U.S. sales of £2.1 billion (\$3.28 billion) in the 1994 fiscal year, accounting for 37 percent of the company's total 1994 rev-

Glaxo said the company expected to benefit from the change in the American patent laws due to its "significant U.S. sales," but said the total gain was still unknown.

Shares in the company closed 23 pence higher, or 3.6 percent, at 662 pence. Glaxo American depositary receipts were quoted in late trading up 75 cents, at

"This improves Glaxo's fundamentals - reducing one large element of risk," Franc Gregori, an analyst at Paribas Capital Markets. "It brings in a minimum protection of 18 months."

Mr. Gregori said the new patent provision will give Glaxo protection from the rival drug makers Genpharm International Inc., Novopharm Ltd. and Geneva Pharmaceuticals Inc., which are already developing generic forms of the ulcer medi-@ International Herald Tribune

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## France Keeps Swatch Car German Unions Fail to Unwind Plans

By Brandon Mitchener onal Herold Tribune

FRANKFURT -- Ignoring protests from German organized labor and local politicians, Daimler-Benz and Switzerland's SMH announced Tuesday that they would build their new two-passenger Swatchmobile town car in

France.

Daimler called the French area of Sarreguemines-Hambach, on the border with Germany's Saarland state, "an ideal production site" that offered "favorable logistics, significantly lower labor costs and greater flexibility in production."

The first cars, which the Mercedes chairman, Helmut Werner, described as a "specialized city runabout," are scheduled to leave the assembly line in 1997 and sell for "well below" 20,000 Deutsche marks (about \$12,500). "We're defining a completely new market segment with enormous growth potential,"

Daimler's Mercedes-Benz AG and the watchmaker Société Suisse Microélectronique & d'Horlogerie SA own 51 percent and 49 percent, respectively, of the venture.

But Erwin Teufel, the premier of the German state where Daimler and Mercedes are based, called the decision to build the Swatchmobile in France "a red alert for Germany." and the head of Mercedes's in-house workers'

council, Karl Feuerstein, called it a "slap in the face of Daimler's German employees."

Though the final assembly of the car will generate only 1,900 of an estimated 9,000 new jobs overall. German union representatives have tried to portray the decision as a betrayal of German labor's recent restraint in wage negotiations.

Despite labor concessions, however, it is still considerably easier to operate a factory in three shifts, six days a week, in France than in Germany, according to Mercedes.

"There are 275 working days a year in France versus 242 in Germany, and the average French manufacturing industry employee earns 28 Deutsche marks an hour, the average German, 42 Deutsche marks an hour." said Christian Dau, a Mercedes spokesman.

Industry sources estimate that building the car in France instead of Germany will save Mercedes and SMH 80 million to 100 million Deutsche marks a year.

Mercedes and SMH have said that at least 3.900 jobs would be created in Germany and more than 1,000 in Switzerland, particularly in development and components manufacturing. In addition to other geographical considerations, including subsidies, Daimler's chair-

man, Edzard Reuter, has cited France's im-See SWATCH, Page 11

## BBC Can't Wait to Enter U.S.

By Erik Ipsen
ternational Herald Tribuse

Mr. Werner said.

LONDON — The BBC said Tuesday that it would offer its Network in its home market.

The announcement, made in New York, represents an acceleration of the BBC's plans. elevision, the for-profit arm of British Broadcasting Corp., had planned to launch its newshalf of the year.

cations Commission, the regu- to home distribution. lator of the U.S. cable industry,

to allow cable companies to of- hours per day in Spanish-lanfer six new basic channels from guage programming. the beginning of the year.

in a market that is very well served and sophisticated.

As of the first of the year that market will also be served by Originally BBC Worldwide another international news channel, CNN International. Until now, it has only been broadcast outside the United based channel in the second States. In London, a CNN International spokesman said that That date was moved up to the channel would have one take advantage of a recent deci-million subscribers when it besion by the Federal Communi- gins, mostly via direct satellite

It will also offer six half

BBC executives refused to re-"We don't approach the U.S. veal what size audience they are television news service in the market lightly," said Phil John-United States beginning in Feb-stone, a BBC Worldwide channel, known as BBC World, ruary, putting it in head-to-head spokesman in London. "We will offer a less news intensive competition with Cable News will always be a niche channel mix than CNN. It will include documentaries and lifestyle pieces. Initially it will offer one hour a day of programming created specifically for East Coast prime-time broadcast, a figure that is expected to rise to four to six hours a day by the end of the

> BBC World will be distributed in the United States by International News Network, an offshoot of the Nebraska-based cable operator Cable USA. INN's chairman is Reese & Onist. Schonfeld, the founding president of Cable News Network.

## Microsoft Delay **On Windows Hurts Shares**

By Lawrence M. Fisher New York Times Service

SAN FRANCISCO - Microsoft Corp. said Tuesday its new operating system, Windows 95, might not be available until August, the third delay for a product it was originally supposed to ship this month.

The news sent Microsoft's shares skidding \$2.75, to \$59.875, in trading of 14.4 million shares, more than four times the daily average for one of the most frequently traded issues on any American ex-change. Other software issues also fell, leaving the broader market with a loss for the day.

While some analysts lowered their estimates for Microsoft's 1995 financial year, which ends June 30, others said they had assumed revenue from Windows 95 would fall more heavily in the next financial year in any case.

Microsoft could still take in more than \$1 billion in sales of Windows 95 in the product's first 12 months, they said.

Still, the news was a blow and underscored the fact that the sheer volume of errors to be fixed before the product is deemed ready for the public remained high.

Microsoft made its announcement at 6:30 A.M. California time, just half an hour after Intel Corp. said it was reversing its position on replacements for its defective Pentium microprocessor. While Microsoft officials insisted the two events were unrelated, both showed the challenge of making technology acceptable in consumer products.

"If you look at the bug count, and estimate how much code will have to be written, there's Lexington, Massachusetts, said, no way they could meet the shipping dates Microsoft was costing more in terms of the espousing, said Bruce Lupat- U.S. dollar, but there are a lot kin, an analyst with Hambrecht

lays," he said. "Ultimately, Mi-crosoft will face a choice of delaying the delivery date further or starting to take features out."

Microsoft did not release specific information about the problems in Windows 95, but it said they related to compatibility between the software and the wide range of hardware and peripheral products with which the program will have to work.

Microsoft said it had shipped the "second beta," industry jar-

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#### U.S. Set Record In October Trade Gap With Japan

WASHINGTON - Consumer appetites for imported goods helped America's trade deficit with Japan set a record in October, the Commerce Department said Tuesday.

The overall U.S. deficit on trade in goods and services widened 8.4 percent from a revised September figure, to \$10.14 billion. But the deficit in trade with Japan surged 24 percent, to \$6.66 billion, eclipsing the old record of \$6.40 billion set in October 1986.

Analysts said the deficit might widen further, partly because U.S. demand for imported goods was strong heading into the Christmas season.

Cynthia Latta, an economist with DRI/McGraw Hill Inc. in "Not only are Japanese goods of things that you just can't get anywhere else but from Japan,' "I wouldn't be surprised to especially popular consumersee additional incremental de- electronics goods.

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By James Bennet

Toyota Motor Corp. believes it may have hit on the right technique to get through to young people today: a combination of daytime television and free food.

Groping for a fresh way to promote the 1995 model of its small car, the Tercel, Toyota decided to try its first infomercial, testing a 28-minute advertisement in New York and Los Angeles during No-

Sales of imported vehicles are expected to slow in Japan next year. Page 13.

vember. Toyota was hoping for a way to make the Tercel stick out from among its numerous competitors, which include Honda's Civic, Chrysler's Neon and General Motors's Saturn. The results were so encouraging that last week Toyota began broadcasting the advertisement in 15 U.S. markets.

The infomercial features comments from unidentified young Tercel buyers and customers in dealerships describ-

ing what they are looking for, and from youthful Toyota product specialists describing feature.

The infomercial proved to to the carmakers have extures of the car. It also includes be a superb vehicle for reach-

interviews on the street with young people, some of whom, Toyota said, were actors.

In the street with ing the target audience, 18- to 35-year-olds, said Irving A. Miller, corporate advertising A highly caffeinated host-ess, Molly Scott, periodically Sales, U.S.A. "They're a tough bounced into the picture to demographic to reach, and urge callers to telephone a they also tend to watch televi-

WASHINGTON - America's biggest exporter of cars is neither American, nor big. It is Honda North America Inc.,

which Tuesday became the only automaker to export more than 100,000 passenger cars in 1995 from the United States.

That put little Honda Motor Corp. in league with General Motors Corp., the world's biggest car company. The last year that GM shipped more than 100,000 cars abroad from the United States was 1981, when the company sent 125,661 passenger cars overseas. Through September of this year, GM

Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp., the second- and third-largest U.S. automakers, have never had exports of 100,000 ssenger cars from the United States.

Honda began making cars in Japan three decades ago, when its U.S. competitors were veterans. Honda started U.S. car production in 1982, becoming the first Japanese carmaker to do so. By 1987, Honda had come full circle, building in the United States and exporting to Japan and 35 other countries.

Honda Tops U.S. Rivals

the three-week tests.

had exported only 38,771 cars.

The decline of the dollar against the yen, which began in 1985 and made it expensive to manufacture in Japan, played a big role in that turnaround. Japanese carmakers currently hold about 24 percent of the U.S. market.

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perimented with infomercials, but none has invested heavily in the format yet. As a result, the Tercel ad has the virtue of standing out from the crowd of 30-second spots showing cars racing through deserts.

While the effects of normal TV advertisements are hard to measure, Toyota started tracking the infomercial's results immediately. About 7,000 people in the two markets called to order more information during

The Los Angeles test drew more responses than the one in New York, because in Los Angeles Toyota also offered a free "night on the town" to anyone who requested the brochure and then visited a dealer to test-drive a Tercel.

The evening out, the info-mercial explains, consists of movie tickets and dinner for two at "one of America's favorite restaurants" — a Chili's Grill & Bar, in Los Angeles. Ads with the offer garnered twice the response of those without, so Toyota incorporated it in its general campaign. "They went for the burger every time," Mr. Miller said.

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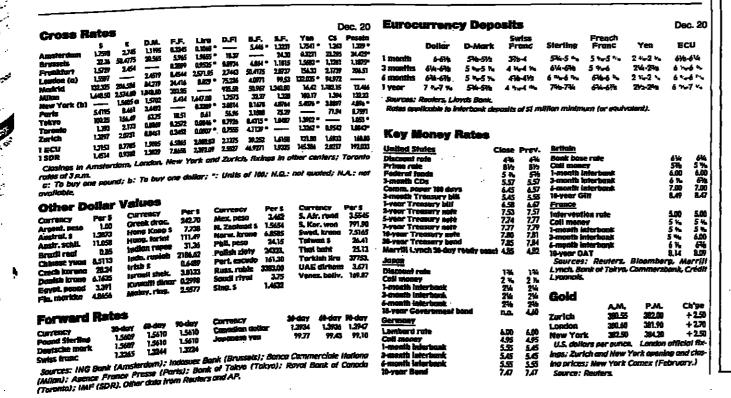
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## Dollar, Like Fed, Stands Its Ground

NEW YORK - The dollar er little changed Tunday after the market waited for most of the day to hear that the Federal Reserve Board had decided to

leave interest rates unchanged. Traders ascribed little lasting significance to the central

#### Foreign Exchange bank's decision, made at its pol-

icy-making Open Market Committee meeting. "This doesn't mean any-

thing," said Jim Powers, senior currency dealer at Royal Bank of Canada in New York. "Tradple are more worried about the holidays."

The dollar closed at 1.5702 Deutsche marks, down from 1.5735 DM at Monday's close, and at 100.170 yen, up from 100.115 yen. It also slipped to 1.3280 Swiss francs from 1.3325 and to 5.4140 French francs from 5.4210. The result half the result of 1002 from 5.4210. The pound held the rate for all of 1993.

steady at \$1.5605. traders said. "I think it's a fairly safe conclusion that they won't

said Frank Pusateri, vice president of foreign exchange sales at Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh. The Fed has raised rates six times this year, pushing up the federal funds rate on overnight bank loans to 5.75 percent from 3 percent in an attempt to prevent inflation from getting start-

ed in the economy. Its last tightening move, on Nov. 15, sent the rate up 75 basis points, or threequarters of a percentage point. That action helped turn the currency market from bearish to bullish toward the dollar. "Given the controlled infla-

tion numbers that came out last week, we didn't expect the Fed ing is just dribs and drabs. Peo- to move today," said Bob Gruber, senior currency salesman at Chemical Bank. Last Wednesday, the Labor

Department announced that consumer prices rose 0.3 per-

The perception now is that The Fed decision had little the Fed will move in January," effect on the market because it said Paul Farrell, manager of had been generally anticipated, strategic currency trading for Chase Manhattan Bank. That's a positive for the dollar tighten until the next FOMC and should be reflected over meeting, Jan. 31 and Feb. 1," coming weeks."

#### WINDOWS: Delay Hits Stocks

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gon for advanced copies of soft-ware, for Windows 95 to more than 48,000 testers, and that the program would be expanded this spring to hundreds of thousands of customers.

"The broader the group of people we distribute it to, the

#### **U.S. Stocks**

more problems crop up, " Mike Maples, Microsoft's executive vice president, said. While he said the issue was the number of problems, rather than the sever-ity, he did not rule out further

delays.

Many analysts still assume Windows 95 will be the most successful operating system of all time. But the delay does pro-

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vide an opening for Microsoft's competitors, primarily International Business Machines Corp.

and Apple Computer Inc. ■ Most Stock Prices Retreat

Stocks declined as Microsoft's announcement pulled down prices of software companies, offsetting a rally by Intel, Bloomberg Business News reported.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 23.55 points to 3.767.15, as losses in such Big Board issues as J.P. Morgan, Alcoa and Bethlehem Steel overshadowed a gain by Merck.

Declining stocks were about even with advancing ones on the New York Stock Exchange. Trading was active, with 325.53 million shares changing hands. Among software issues, Ado-

be Systems fell 1% to 31%, and Symantec lost 11/4 to 16 9/16. Stock prices were also hurt by weakness in American depositary receipts of Mexican companies after Mexico's devaluation of its currency. Teléfonos de México lost 2¼ to 46¼ and led the Big Board's active list

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## China Denied Entry to GATT, But Talks to Go On

By Peter Behr

Washington Post Service WASHINGTON - The United States joined Tuesday with other nations to reject China's demands to join the new World Trade Organization next month, when the new global trade body opens its doors in

Negotiations will resume in February but officials said a resolution appeared far off unless China agrees to major compromises.

[Beijing trade officials in Geneva made clear that China would make no improved. with volume of 14 million substantive concessions to allow better ac-

cess of foreign goods and services to its vast markets, Reuters reported.]

The U.S. courtship of China, Asia's new superpower, is being undermined by con-frontations over trade rules and practices that U.S. officials say China must follow to create a fair, balanced economic relation-

ship with its trading partners.
In one dispute, U.S. trade officials are preparing to target China with \$1 billion in trade sanctions in retaliation for the piracy of American-made films, recordings and software, following a breakdown of talks on the issue last week

Sanctions barring imports of specified Chinese products will be imposed early next year unless China takes immediate action against companies that are illegally copying U.S. compact disc recordings and makes other concrete enforcement commitments, officials said.

U.S. officials said China had fallen far short of providing specific pledges to open its markets during recent talks in Geneva.

## U.S./SHORT COVER

## Mexico's New Peso Plunges 13.3%

MEXICO CITY (Combined Dispatches) — Mexico's new peso plunged nearly 15 percent against the U.S. dollar on Tuesday. It was the biggest depreciation in years and came shortly after Finance Minister Jaime Serra Puche announced the government would broaden the official trading range of the new peso.

The currency has been slumping in the past few months as fears of renewed rebel activity in Chiapas rattled investors, prompting a flight from Mexican investments. The currency action came a day after peasant rebels launched troop movements that raised the

threat of war in Chiapas. The stock market also was hit, with the threat of war in Chiapas. The stock market also was hit, with the IPC index of 37 shares at 2,231.11 points, down 4.15 percent.

The dollar rose to 3,9750 pesos, up from 3,4647 pesos at the close of Monday's trading. Mr. Serra Puche said the exchange rate would be allowed to weaken to 4.0016 new pesos per dollar by the close of Tuesday's trading. He added that the daily slide would continue at 0.0004 new pesos per day.

## Monsanto to Buy Merck's Kelco

ST. LOUIS, Missouri (Bloomberg) - Monsanto Co. said it agreed to buy for \$1.08 billion Merck & Co.'s Kelco specialty chemicals business, which is expected to have about \$300 million of sales this year.

Monsanto shares tumbled after the announcement, with some analysts saying the company had shifted its focus to acquisitions from cost-cutting. In late trading, Monsanto was quoted down \$4 per share, at \$68.875, while Merck was up 75 cents, at \$39. "Kelco is a great business but they paid way too much for it," said Paul Raman, chemical stocks analyst at S.G. Warburg & Co.

## Strong Earnings Boost Nike Stock

NEW YORK (AP-DJ) - Shares of Nike Inc. rose on Tuesday after the footwear maker reported earnings that soundly exceeded

Wall Street expectations.

Late Monday, Nike said its earnings in the second quarter ended Nov. 30 were \$84.9 million, or \$1.16 a shallow there.

million, or 69 cents a share, in the same period last year.

Revenue for the quarter was \$1.05 billion, up 31 percent from \$805.8 million last year. Nike also said its orders for early next year have risen 34 percent to a company record of \$1.95 billion. The company's stock was up \$5.625 a share, at \$71.625, in late trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

#### Scott Paper Plans Stock Buyback

NEW YORK (Knight-Ridder) — Scott Paper Co.'s chairman and chief executive, Albert Dunlap, said Tuesday that the company will use the proceeds from the sale of nonstrategic assets of approximately \$1.6 billion to repurchase \$300 million of Scott stock and cut corporate debt by \$1.3 billion in early 1995.

Mr. Dunlap said funds for the transactions constitute proceeds

from the completion of the \$1.6 billion sale of Scott's S.D. Warren subsidiary and the sale of an energy complex in Mobile, Alabama, for \$350 million. The stock repurchases are expected during the first half of 1995.

Scott added that it has announced plans to divest itself of other nonstrategic assets, including Scott's energy complex in Chester, Pennsylvania; its global pulp operations; approximately 1.5 million acres (600,000 hectares) of timberland and real estate, and certain other noncore businesses. Scott's stock rose 37.5 cents, to \$68.50.

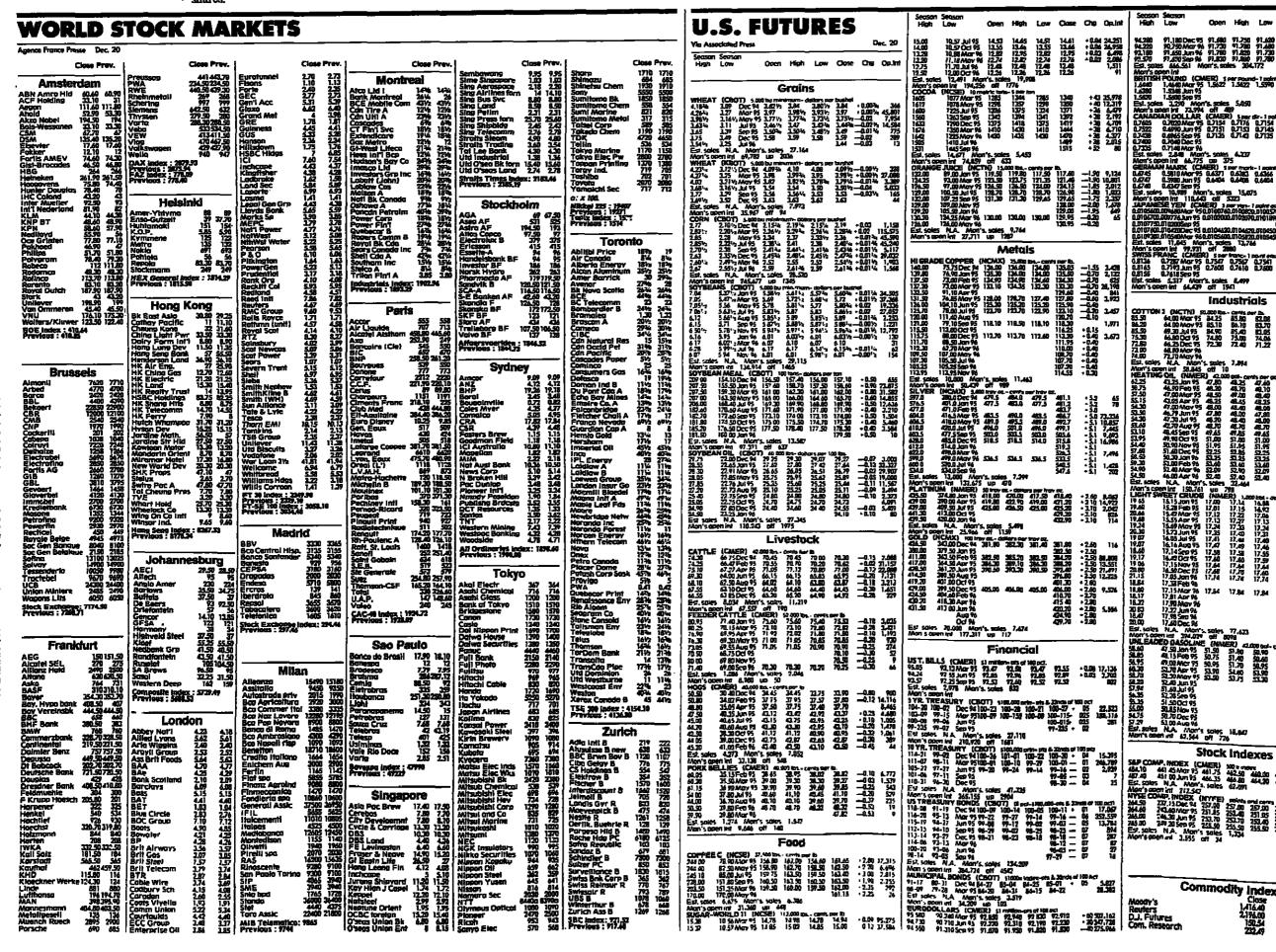
#### CBI Turns Down a Bid From Airgas

OAK BROOK, Illinois (Bloomberg) — CBI Industries Inc. said it had turned down an unsolicited, \$1.45 billion acquisition bid from Airgas Inc. for its liquid carbonic unit.:

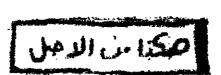
The engineering and construction company said it rejected the offer as not in the best interests of its stockholders. The company said selling the subsidiary would be inconsistent with its goals. CBI stock rose \$3.50, to \$26.375.

CBI said Airgas had offered to buy the liquid carbonic unit by assuming all of CBI's outstanding debt and paying the rest of the offer in cash. CBI said it had \$770 million in debt. In an alternative plan, Airgas proposed that CBI spin off its contracting and investment segments in the form of a dividend; after the spinoff, CBI would own only its liquid carbonic unit and would then merge with Airgas.

Airgas proposed in the second plan that CBI shareholders receive 19 million common shares in exchange for their common stock. CBI said the merger proposal, based on the current market price of Airgas shares, would result in CBI's shareholders owning less valuable stock.



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"Other factors which served to affect trade

were the outbreak of pneumonic plague in India and continuing evidence of Russian

rough diamonds being sold direct to the out-

The Surat area in western India, where the

plague outbreak was centered, has the world's

largest concentration of diamond processors, and the disruption there meant stocks had

De Beers said any significant pickup in overall diamond sales depended on the Euro-

pean and Japanese consumer markets. But it

said retail demand in these areas was weak in

local-currency terms, although there were

The full year fall came after the Central

Selling Organization sold a record \$2.6 billion

De Beers said the performance of jewelry

held up well amid the overall market fall, with

retail demand in East Asia staying high and

De Beers said roughly half of CSO dia-

monds go for industrial uses and 12 to 14

percent end up as jewellery. However, in

terms of value the jewellery market accounts

for up to 90 percent of the sales.

the United States showing improvement.

of diamonds in the first half of the year.

side market," the company said.

# Money Growth In Germany Hits Target Range

FRANKFURT - Growth in the money supply slowed in November, falling within the Bundesbank's target range for the first time this year, the German central bank said Tuesday.

The Bundesbank said annual growth of the M-3 measure, which includes currency in circulation and several kinds of short-term and medium-term bank deposits, slowed to 6.0 percent in November from 6.8 percent in October, just reaching the top of its target range of

4 percent to 6 percent. The Bundesbank uses the money supply to detect signs of inflation and to help guide its management of German interest rates. The M-3 aggregate has been growing above its target range since 1990.

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But economists said the central bank could only claim half a victory, pointing out that there was still enough surplus liquidity in the economy to fuel inflation.

Although money-market funds, which are relatively new in Germany, are just as liquid as the cash and bank deposits that make up M-3, for example, the Bundesbank has not yet included them in its M-3 calculations.

Thomas Mayer, an economist at Goldman, Sachs & Co., said M-3 would have grown at a 7 percent rate in November if money-fund certificates were

Despite heavy speculation early this year that the Bundesbank would abandon its 20year-old practice of setting targets for money-supply growth,

many economists now expect the bank to keep the target range unchanged at 4 percent to

6 percent for 1995. Analysts said the latest figure was unlikely to trigger a cut in interest rates at this week's

Bundesbank council meeting. "If the Bundesbank is going to cut rates again, which I would say is now a 40 percent chance, they will wait for positive signs from the wage round next year." Armin Kayser, an economist at Swiss Bank Corp., said, referring to labor-management talks on wage increases.

The Bundesbank attributed the slowed growth in November to increased investment in longterm instruments.

(Reuters, Bloomberg, AFP) ₩ VW to Post a Small Profit Volkswagen AG said it expected to report a "small prof-

for 1994, after a net loss of 1.94 billion Deutsche marks (\$1 billion) the previous year, news agencies reported from Wolfsourg, Germany.

VW said it expected parentcompany sales to reach 42 billion DM, a slight increase from last year, and parent-company profit to rise to at least 100 million DM from 71 million DM in 1993.

The automaker said its SEAT unit in Spain and Skoda operation in the Czech Republic were the only subsidiaries that would not "take part in this positive development.

The company previously said only a "break-even" 1994 would result from its cost-cutting efforts and improved sales. (AFX, Bloomberg)

## Russia Batters De Beers **Maverick Diamond Sales Squeeze CSO**

piled up.

EU Money Chief Sees Currency Delay

mittee, referring to the Treaty on

"But there is no majority

Under the Maastricht treaty, a

single currency may be created at the beginning of 1997 until 1999 only if a majority of EU

member states meet the econom-

more realistic," he added.

European Union.

wait until 1999 to get its single clause in 1999, so that seems

signs of recovery.

LONDON - De Beers Consolidated Mines Ltd. on Tuesday reported a fall in sales of rough diamonds through its Central Selling Organization hurt by sales of Russian gems outside its network.

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The South African company said demand in the first half of 1994 was buoyant but that the outbreak of plague in India and sales of Russian gems outside the Central Selling Organization, through which De Beers dominates the world diamond market, had hit revenue in the second half.

But the market for jewelry stayed resilient amid tough trading conditions, said the company. Sales of rough diamonds fell by 2.7 percent, in 1994 to \$4.25 billion, De Beers said.

De Beers has been fighting a running battle against the sales of Russian diamonds, which the industry estimated amounted to about \$500 million in the first half of the year. It has held talks with officials in Moscow over the persistent sales and the renewal of a five-year agreement that expires next year. The current deal commits Russia to sell 95 percent of all its rough diamonds through the Central Selling Organization.

Russia is the world's second-largest producer of diamonds, after De Beers, with a stockpile estimated at around \$5 billion. After good demand in the first six months. the Central Selling Organization cut supplies in

BRUSSELS - The Europe-

an Union is likely to have to

currency because the necessary

number of countries will not be

ready before then, the head of

the European Monetary Insti-

"I would say that while I

would not rule out 1997 as a

possibility, it does not seem very

plausible because of the majority

clause." Alexandre Lamfalussy

told the European Parliament's

economic and monetary com-

tute said Tuesday.

Comptoir A Lifeline the second half due to a buildup in stocks at diamond-cutting centers and concern on the profitability of cutting houses, said De Beers.

PARIS — The government and the state-owned insurer Assurances Générales de France unveiled a rescue package Tuesday for the real-estate financing company Comptoir des Entre-

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preneurs.
Under the plan, announced at a meeting of Comptoir share-holders, bad loans totaling 7 billion francs (\$1.3 billion) will be transferred to a company set up especially for the rescue, and Comptoir will receive 1.2 billion francs from the state and AGF in the next two years.

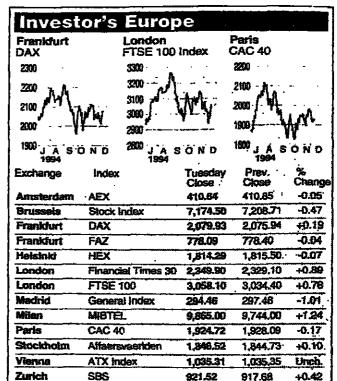
The plan could remove a shadow over AGF, which owns 29.7 percent of Comptoir, and clear the way for the long-planned sale of shares in AGF to private investors. Finance Minister Edmond Alphandery has said an AGF sale could go ahead in early 1995.

Analysts said the government's willingness to help Comptoir showed it was doing its utmost to speed the sale.

"The government seems to be moving to privatize AGF be-fore CNP," Derek Elias, an industry analyst at Paribas Capital Markets in London, said before details of the package were revealed.

CNP, or Caisse Nationale de Prevoyance, is the other stateowned insurer due to be sold soon to the public, but analysts said the government had been discouraged by political prob-lems surrounding that company.

possible unless EU unemploy-Comptoir posted losses of "I find it difficult to imagine 1.05 billion francs in 1992, 825 setting up a genuine monetary million francs in 1993 and 348 million francs in the first half of 1994. Chairman François Lemasson told shareholders that Comptoir's 1994 net loss was likely to be similar to last year's.



#### Very briefly:

Sources: Reuters, AFP

French data revealed mixed signals as manufactured output fell 0.5 percent in October after dropping 0.4 percent in September. while household consumption rose 1.7 percent in November after it had fallen 2.5 percent in October.

• Anglo Irish Bank Corp. said it bought the loan portfolio of Irish Business Bank, the Dublin-based subsidiary of Britain's TSB Group PLC for 116 million punts (\$176 million).

Union Bancaire Privée, a major Swiss asset-management bank, said it would tighten its checks on clients after a U.S. moneylaundering probe led to the arrest of one of its executives. Swiss police have frozen an account allegedly used to funnel drug proceeds and other funds.

Groupe Danone said it bought 82.6 percent of Bolshevik, Russia's biggest biscuit manufacturer. The remaining stake is held by the company's employees and Russian investors.

Kirin Brewery Co. said it reached agreement with France's Sanofi SA to acquire Barberet & Blanc SA, Sanofi's Spanishbased supplier of carnation flowers.

• Spain's gross domestic product rose by 2.3 percent in the third quarter from the figure for the like period of last year. Bloomberg, AP, Reuters, AFX, AFP

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## France Wins Job GATT Is a Tonic

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## **GLAXO:**

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## Banknote Firm Bids to Grow

LONDON - De La Rue PLC, the world's leading banknote printer, said Tuesday it was making a friendly bid worth £682 million (\$1.06 billion) for Portals Group PLC. which specializes in paper for

banknotes and passports. was abandoned later that world-class anti-counterfeiting month. The concerns reopened techniques.

ing cash and new stock worth £10.50 for each Portals common share, or a full-cash payment of £10.115 pence. De La Rue fell by 16 pence,

to 940, while Portals rose by 59 pence, to 1,024 pence. De La Rue's chairman, Lord The companies had agreed to Limerick, said the acquisition a takeover in May, but the deal would allow the development of

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# \*Japanese Car Imports To Cool Torrid Growth

TOKYO - The growth in sales of imported vehicles will slow in 1995 from this year's 49 percent surge but should still show a healthy 15 percent gain. a Japanese trade association said Tuesday.

The Japan Automobile Importers Association forecast that 345,000 imported vehicles would be sold in 1995, breaking this year's record for sales, estimated at 300,000.

Sales of imported cars, trucks Nissan Forecasts and buses have been rising for 13 months, largely because the strong yen makes imported cars inexpensive and because many Japanese dealerships now are selling foreign cars.

"We're seeing more Japanese manufacturers either encourage or allow their affiliated dealers to handle other manufacturers' car lines," said Andrew Blair-Smith, an analyst at the brokerage concern Barclays de Zoete Wedd. As an example, he said, this means "you will see more Fords sold through Nissan dealerships."

Sales of Japanese cars also percent decline this year. are rising, as the market began

partly because of an income-tax in Japan - a country that ex-

mand for recreational vehicles and for inexpensive models. will remain difficult but is likely to rise along with Japan's economy, the association said. Still, foreign cars, with a 6

percent market share, are rare Chrysler Corp. combined.

The Associated Press TOKYO - Nissan Motor Co., Japan's second-largest automaker, predicted Tuesday a turnaround in its sales and vehicle production, which have fallen this year.

A Sales Rebound

1.18 million vehicles, after an estimated 4.4 percent decline in 1994 from the previous year. Worldwide production was exto 2.9 million vehicles, after a 7

On Monday, Toyota Motor to recover this summer from a Corp., Japan's largest automak- from a year earlier but still acthree-year slump. Consumer er, said it expected a 10 percent counted for only 12 percent of spending is expected to increase increase in domestic sales in the 269,568 cars imported into next year, the association said. 1995, to 2.24 million vehicles. Japan.

ports about 14 times as many The projection for 1995 is cars as it imports. Moreover, based on persistent strong de-one-quarter of the so-called imports are cars made overseas by Japanese companies. Honda The higher end of the market Motor Co. has sold more imported cars in Japan this year

than any other company more than General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Sales of foreign-made Hondas

rose 65 percent in the first 11 months of 1994, compared with a year earlier, to 42,876 units. In November alone, Mercedes-Benz AG of Germany led all importers, followed by Honda. Honda's Accord station wagon, which is enormously popu-

lar in Japan, is made only at Honda's factory in Ohio. The company started making the Accord wagon in the United Nissan projected a 12 percent
states because it intended the model primarily for the American market. To Honda's surcan market. To Honda's surprise, however, its sales took off in Japan.

Sales in Japan by the Big pected to increase 10.7 percent. Three American automakers, meanwhile, totaled only 31,017 units in the first 11 months. That was an 83 percent gain

## China to Soak Up Cash With Bonds

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BEIJING - Seeking to soak up cash that could fuel inflation, the Chinese government expects to increase its bond sales next year by up to 50 percent over the 1994 level, the official China Securities newspaper reported Tuesday.

The State Information Center, an arm of the State Planning Commission, forecast the government would issue a maxiumum of 150 billion yuan (\$17.3 billion) in Treasury bonds next year in an attempt to curb inflation to 10 percent and hold economic growth to 9 percent to 10 percent, the paper said. The nationwide inflation rate was 27 percent in November, while the economy is expected to expand by 11 percent to 12 percent.

Securities analysts said an issue that large, compared with 100 billion yuan this year and 30 billion yuan in 1993, would depress prices on China's infant securities markets and slow the conomy by curbing consumer spending.

"I think the government will continue to soak up liquidity in ways it sees fit and that will probably depress the stock market," said Elizabeth Cheng, director of China research at James Capel & Co., Asia.

Chinese investors will continue to stash their money in banks rather than speculate on the stock market next year, the information center forecast. In another development, China will issue in-

ternational bonds in early 1995 to raise some of the \$3 billion in foreign funds it needs to build the Three Gorges power plant that will dam the Yangtze River, officials said Tuesday.

The dam, China's largest engineering project since the Great Wall, will cost 146.8 billion yuan, including inflation and interest costs, up from a basic price tag of 90 billion yuan, it was announced at a news conference.

China plans to raise 21 percent — or more than \$3 billion — of that sum overseas and is already in talks with Merrill Lynch & Co., Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Morgan Stanley & Co. on details of issuing international bonds, the deputy director of the State Council Three Gorges Project Construction Committee said. Other foreign funds would come from com-

mercial loans. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

## Tokyo Loosens Listing Rules For Foreign Firms

TOKYO - The Tokyo Stock Exchange announced Tuesday new listing requirements for foreign compa-nies, aiming to lure Asian firms to trade their shares in Tokyo.

"We had intended to relax the requirements to make them similar to those on the New York exchange," said the exchange's president, Mitsuhide Yamaguchi. "I believe the new requirements meet our intention." They will take effect on Jan.

l, he said. The Finance Ministry separately said it has approved new requirements on corporate disclosure for foreign companies to help them trade their shares here, effective

Current guidelines for the listing of foreign shares focus on industrialized countries' companies, which have been leaving the exchange in recent years partly because of the high cost of maintaining listings, industry sources said. Listings on the Tokyo exchange's foreign section are expected to fall to 91 by January from the December

1991 peak of 127, they said. No companies from other Asian countries are now listed in Tokyo. The exchange has not officially barred the listing of Asian shares, but in the past it has rejected such companies through guidance to Japanese underwriters.

Major points of the new listing requirements for foreign companies are:

• Foreign companies will be able to trade their shares on the exchange even if they are not traded on exchanges in their home countries.

• Charges for appraising the eligibility of listing will be cut to 1 million yen (\$10,000) from the current 2 million

 The initial cost of listing will be lowered to 2.5 million yen from the current 5 million yen, and the remaining cost of listing will be cut according to the number of

the exchange. Minimum net assets required will be lowered to 10 oillion yen from the current 100 billion yen. Minimum pretax profit will be cut to 2 billion yen for each of the three years before the listing from the current 20 billion.

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cial statements which foreign companies listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange must submit will be simplified. The number of items that need to be translated into Japanese will be reduced to cut costs.

• The minimum trading unit will be cut to 500,000 ven from the current 3 million yen to help attract in-

vestors. · A new trading unit of 500 shares will be created in addition to the current units of 1,000, 100, 50, 10 and one share. The change in the trading units will be effective from Feb. 1.

■ Jakarta Cuts Red Tape

Indonesia, long criticized for excessive red tape, has vowed to streamline licensing procedures after riding a record wave of foreign investment approvals this year, the Antara news agency said Tuesday in Jakarta, Reuters reported.

Industry Minister Tunky Ariwibowo, quoted by An-tara, said Indonesia would also issue more reform packages in line with a free-trade agreement reached by Asia-Pacific nations last month.

## Lehman **Calls Reply** To Its Suit

\$52 million lawsuit over trading debts "betrays an active imagination but absolutely no understanding of the relevant facts," a spokesman for the U.S. securities house said.

Lehman last month sued Minmetals International Non-Fer-Export Co. in federal court in New York. In a separate suit, Lehman sought \$44 million from

companies had failed to meet their obligations after running up losses in foreign-exchange and swap transactions.

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■ Arco to Explore Off China Atlantic Richfield Co. will explore for oil and gas near China's largest gas field in the South China Sea, Bloomberg

cubic feet) of gas.

# 'Ridiculous'

HONG KONG - Lehman Brothers Inc. on Tuesday rejected as "absolutely ridiculous" charges made against it by a state metals-trading concern in China that Lehman is suing.

The response to Lehman's

rous Metals Trading Co. and its parent company, China Nation-al Metals & Minerals Import & an oil-trading company, China United Petroleum Chemicals.

Lehman said the Chinese

On Monday, Minmetals threatened to countersue Lehman, saying it had given the Chinese companies improper advice and had lured an inexperienced employee into improp-

The public exchange of re-marks heightened a conflict between Beijing and the New York-based securities firm that some analysis say has helped to erode confidence in the Chinese business system. (Reuters, AFP)

Business News reported. An agreement between the U.S. oil concern and China National Offshore Oil Co. allows Arco to explore a 510-squarekilometer (195-square-mile) area, Block 63-20, which lies 100 kilometers south of Sanya, a city in Hainan Province.

The block is near Yacheng 13l, a huge gas field Arco discovered while searching for oil in 1983. Arco has contracts to pump that field's estimated 100 billion cubic meters (3.53 trillion



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 Asiasat, a Hong Kong-based satellite company, postponed the launch of a commercial satellite, scheduled for next spring, for three months while scientists investigate the loss of contact with a similar satellite launched in September by AT&T Corp.

National Index

• Legend Holdings Ltd.'s net profit rose 21 percent, to 30.5 million Hong Kong dollars (\$4 billion), in the six months ended Sept. 30. as the Chinese personal-computer maker increased its share of China's rapidly growing market to 8 percent from 7.5 percent.

 Hong Kong's manufacturing industries received 40.9 billion dollars of foreign investment in 1993, up 10 percent from a year earlier, and the number of foreign companies represented in the territory was up 26 percent in mid-1994 from a year earlier.

• Taiwan said it had received a one-month record of \$8.6 billion of business orders from abroad in November.

Reuters, Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder, AP, AFP

#### Seoul Firm Makes Deal With North

SEOUL - South Korea's Ssangyong group said Tuesday that it has agreed to import cement from North Korea, the

first direct North-South deal since Seoul lifted a two-year business ban. A Ssangyong spokesman said the agreement was reached be-

tween the group's vice chairman, Lee Chou-bom, and North Korean officials during his trip to North Korea to discuss economic cooperation. Mr. Lee returned to Seoul or Monday after a five-day visit.

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Seoul last week allowed Ssangyong and five other South Korean companies to visit North Korea. In November, it lifted a ban on business trips to North Korea and allowed local companies to set up offices there.

Pyongyang has rejected Seoul's proposals for talks with the South Korean government to facilitate economic ties but has indicated that it wants pri-He led a 12-person team, the vate-level business contacts

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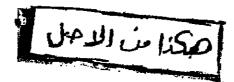
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## **SPORTS**

## Cowboys Win, **But Lose Smith**

NEW ORLEANS — At first glance, the Dallas Cowboys appeared to march merrily to the last two Super Bowls and a 12-3 record this season.

But it's not easy, not even for

Monday night, as the Cowboys beat the New Orleans Saints, 24-16, they saw Emmitt Smith, the league's leading scorer and the heart of their offense, limp off the field with a pulled hamstring. Then they held off a Saints rally when Darrin Smith grabbed his second interception, stopping a late drive.

Smith went down in the third quarter after slipping on the Superdome turf and pulling his

left hamstring.
"I really don't know what happened," Smith said. "I saw a big hole and just wanted to get through it. My leg just felt like a grab, a pull, and that's it." Dallas had already clinched

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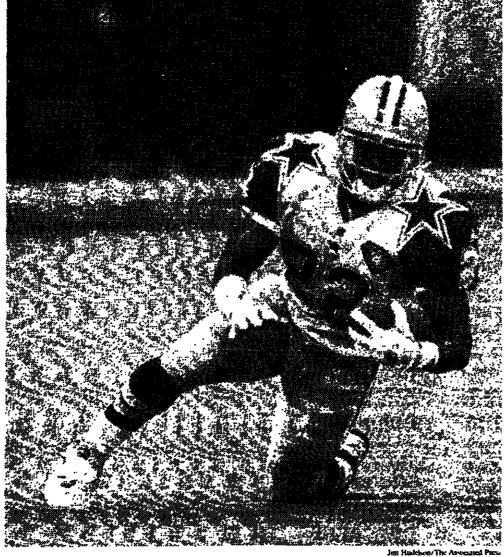
spot in the conference playoffs. behind San Francisco. It completes its regular season Saturday against the New York Giants. While the Cowboys are locked into the second seeding position in the NFC. of playoff consideration, just as they did New Orleans on Monday night

While the Cowboys worried about Smith and what his injury might mean to their chances of winning a third straight Super Bowl, the Saints (6-9) ensured their first losing season since 1986 by allowing two interceptions for touchdowns. New Orleans also had a defensive breakdown to open the second half that allowed Dallas to keep the football for 8½ minutes.

Darrin Smith intercepted Jim Everett twice in the fourth quarter. He returned the first 13 yards for a touchdown to make it 24-9; the second stopped the Saints' final drive and ended their threat of tying the game. Tony Tolbert's 54-yard inter-

ception return to opened the scoring for Dallas. New Orleans had its chances. In the second quarter Wayne Martin tipped Troy Aikman's pass at the Saints' 32 and Darion Conner grabbed it. Conner, a linebacker, sped down the sideline only to find Larry Allen, a 330-pound rookie tackle

racing along with him. Instead of a touchdown, the Saints settled for a 21-yard field



The Cowboys' running back Emmitt Smith fell to the turf after injuring his hamstring.

## Underdogs Respect Rankings As Top Teams Roll to Victory

Final exams are either going on or have just ended at most campuses. Christmas is less than a week away. There are not supposed to be many good college basketball matchups at this time of December.

There were not any good ones Monday night as the six ranked teams that played won

#### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

by an average of 33.8 points. The squeaker of the night was No. 18 Georgia Tech's 94-73 victory over Furman, while the most lopsided was No. 13 Cincinnati's 116-54 dismantling of Cal State Northridge.

"It was good for me," said Cincinnati's coach, Bob Huggins. "I don't know if it was good for them, but I had fun." Cincinnati made quick work of the visiting Matadors, setting a school record with 65 points in the first half as the Bearcats took

blew a 20-point lead to Canisius and lost, the Bearcats opened it up even more against Northridge. Danny Fortson and LaZelle Durden each had 24 points for Cincinnati, which scored the most points in Coach Huggins's

first half and 30 in the game. In points to lead the Colonials. a one-minute span, they failed to get past midcourt on four consecutive possessions.

Michael Dorsey had 15 points to lead the Matadors.

No. 9 Duke 99, North Carolina A & T 56: The Blue Devils, playing in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, won their 93d consecutive home game against a nonconference opponent as Cherokee Parks had 19 points to lead five double-figure scorers.
Duke led by 47-18 at halftime,
holding the Aggies to 4-for-26
shooting (15.4 percent). John
Floyd led North Carolina A&T with 19 points, all but two in the second half. Duke was without Ricky Price, a freshman forward who sprained an ankle in practice Saturday. Price, averaging 11.8 points, is expected to miss the Blue Dev-

ils' three games next week. a 36-point halftime lead. Unlike No. 14 Syracuse 103, Robert Morris 67: In Syracuse, New York, the Orangemen forced 16 turnovers and held Robert wo weeks ago when Cincinnati Morris to 7-for-22 shooting (31 percent) in the first half as they rebounded from being taken to overtime by Princeton. John Wallace's 16 points led six Syracuse players in double figures as

Unrelenting full-court pressure intimidated the Matadors, point mark for the first time this who had 17 turnovers in the season. Gabe Jackson had 20.,

No. 18 Georgia Tech 94, Furman 73: In Atlanta, Drew Barry scored 25 points, James Forrest 23 and Travis Best 22 as the Yellow Jackets broke it open at home in the second half. Fürman scored the first three points of the second half to close to 43-42, but Georgia Tech scored the next 10 points, with Barry and Best each hitting 3-pointers. Jeff Sexton scored 18 points to lead the Pal-

No. 22 Virginia 100, VMI 73: Virginia used a 20-3 run late in the first half to take a 51-28 halftime lead and then cruised to the easy home victory in Charlottesville. Harold Deane had 21 points to lead five Cavaliers in double figures. Lawrence Gullette scored 32 points for the Keydets, who lost their

fifth straight.
No. 23 Illinois 90, Mercer 66:
In Champaign, Illinois, The Illini scored the game's first 10 points and led by as many as 36. as they won their fifth in a row. Bryant Notree, a freshman reserve led five Illinois players in double figures with 15 points. Chance Solomon scored 30 points to lead the Bears.

## A Bit of NFL Playoff Clarity Postseason Lineup Begins to Take Shape

A week ago the National Football League postseason picture was a muddled mess of te-

dious scenarios. But it cleared up

considerably over the weekend. The 49ers, National Football Conference West Division champions, have home-field advantage throughout the playoffs. Pittsburgh, which clinched the AFC Central Division by beating Cleveland on Sunday, has home-field advantage in the AFC. The Browns and Dol- nal-game victory to finish 10-6 phins are in the playoffs. Dallas and win the division. But that is the only other team in the

NFC to have clinched a benth. There's a good chance that the other four playoff spots could go to teams in the NFC Central Division. There isn't a division champion yet and the Vikings (9-6), Bears (9-6), Lions (9-6) and Packers (8-7) can all make the playoffs by winning their last game.

division title with a victory over en straight (the New York Gi-San Francisco on Monday ants), one that has done almost night. They can also clinch the all its winning behind a backup division title if they lose to the quarterback (the Chicago 49ers, provided Detriot loses to Bears) and one that seems to 49ers, provided Detriot loses to Miami and Chicago loses to win despite itself (the Los An-New England. Green Bay can geles Raiders). win the title if it beats Tampa Bay and the Lions, Vikings and

win, all are in, with Minnesota taking the division. If any of ing, most likely, himself -

having the Giants or Cardinals steal away the wild-card berth. "I would rather be in our sit-

uation and have the pressure," the Packers' coach, Mike Holmgren, said of Saturday's game at Tampa. "To be able to go into the last game of the season with a chance to go to the playoffs if we win is good. Not every team can say that.'

The Vikings might have the toughest task. They need a fivictory must come against the best team in the league, the 49ers, on Monday night, after everyone else has finished.

And if they lose, while the other three Central teams win, they could sink to fourth in the division, and out of the playoffs if Arizona beats Atlanta and Dallas beats the Giants.

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in the title if it beats Tampa and the Lions, Vikings and lears all lose.

"There's a lot of football left," said the Patriots' coach, Bill Parcells, who worked his miracles in New England much print the division. If any of the print leave that any one includants in the division of the print leave the

them lose, they're in danger of could have foreseen. "When you've been in the league as long as I have, you retain that thought. A lot of things can

> The Raiders, Chiefs and Patriots are vying for two wild-card spots in the AFC. Los Angeles and Kansas City play each other. There is still a way for the Patriots to win the AFC East division and a way they can get a first-round bye in the playoffs. New England can clinch the title with a victory over the Bears and a Miami loss to Detroit. The Patriots can even get a bye with a victory over Chica-

a magnetic resonance imaging showed only a strained medial collateral ligament in his left knee. Moon was injured when someone fell on his leg in the third quarter of Saturday's 41-19 loss to the Lions.

day night. Publicly, he said:
"It's an injury that depends on
how I feel. We're just going to take it day by day and see exact-ly how much it tightens up."

happen in a short time.'

go and losses by Miami and the Chargers, who play Pittsburgh. In Minnesota, there was optimistic news on quarterback Warren Moon's injured left knee. The Vikings listed him as questionable for the 49ers after

Privately, Moon was telling friends he intends to play Mon-

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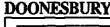












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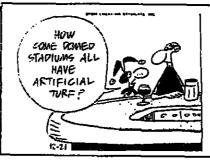


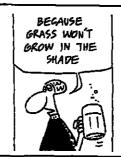




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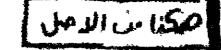


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## BLONDIE







# SPORTS Players of the Year, Or Princes to King?

ONDON — One is black, one is white, but they are two of a kind — explosive, blessed with quickness, predominantly left-

Emmanuel Amunike and Hristo Stoichkov are 1994 Players of the Year in Africa and Europe. respectively. Both are goalscorers.

both have a presence that lifts others and a talent that turns vital Hughes (\*\*\*

And, while soccer is a team game, individual brilliance has always stood out. "The game is for artists and artisans," observed Ferenc Puskas, the Galloping Major of the marvelous Hungarian "The artists," he added, "are like piano players, the artisans

carry the piano." To my eye, Puskas was a player in excelsis. Others worked for him, as he moved his portly body to finish things with his left foot. Perhaps because Hungary was overrun by Russians when his form

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was highest Puskas never finished higher than No. 2 in France Football's European writers' poll. Puskas is alive and kicking, full of wiles and opinions, in Budapest. His career illustrates how environment, timing and opportunity determine recognition.

Stoichkov and Amunike won their awards because Bulgaria and Nigeria reached the 1994 World Cup. Amunike first. Born on Christmas Day 1970, he recites the Lord's Prayer upon taking the field. A pity he does not think so dutifully before signing contracts. For, while his blistering speed and intuitive shooting helped Nigeria win the African Nations' Cup in the spring and do well at the World Cup, he handled the

ethical side of fame badly, He began 1994 playing for Zamalek in Egypt. But after be scored both Nigeria's goals in the African Cup final against

Zambia, temptation came at the double. His goals proved his poaching instinct from three meters, then his awareness of team play. Nine Nigerian passes set up the chance before Amunike glided into space, controlled the ball with his left foot and scored imperiously with the right from 12 meters. By World Cup time, he had signed contracts with two clubs -Duisburg in Germany and Sporting Lisbon in Portugal.

The mess was not exclusively his handiwork. Clemens Westerhof, then Nigeria's coach, took it upon himself to represent Amunike — and, according to the player, Westerhof pressed him to sign for Duisburg or be dropped from the World Cup team.

If true, it demeaned even the dubious work of two-timing agents. But Arminike signed, then regretted it when Sporting Lisbon made a

better offer, and FIFA had to sort out the confusion. Amunike was as stubborn off the field as he is enthralling on it. He refused to set foot in Germany, and eventually Sporting Lisbon paid Duisburg \$2 million compensation so that Amunike

could flow again, which he is doing, with born-again relish. Meanwhile, Stoichkov, 28, might at last be taming the tempest inside him. His talents were always there, often betrayed by spite and hot-headedness. As a youth, he ran 100 meters in 11.1 seconds. He commanded the ball with a caress, stroked it with precision, bludgeoned it with power.

He would shrug, his mother would suffer. This summer, with her son leading Bulgaria's World Cup team with a gunslinger's swagger, Penka Stoichkova was rushed suffered her third heart attack watching Hristo perform.

She is 47. Stoichkov's volatile game is harmful to her health. His wife, Marianna, and their two daughters may be inured to high motion, or compensated for the downside by life on the road with Bulgaria's first \$1 million a year star.

The mother has has lived longest with the fragile and frightening talent and temper. While a teenager, Hristo was banned after a brawl between Sofia's top clubs.

His \$3.5 million move to Barcelona followed in 1990 because ment. the team's coach, Johan Cruyff, wanted somebody to put nastiness into a team that was "too nice."

Stoichkov overdid it. He was banned for three months for stamping on a referee's foot, banned time and again for 10 red cards in four seasons.

Some bright philosopher suggested Stoichkov might be suffering the turmoil of Bulgaria's metamorphosis. He was raised under the Communist claim that its use of state funds and subsidies built the framework of soccer success. But when, in the World Cup, Bulgaria beat first Argentina, then Germany there was a new political system, a new claim.

Stoichkov, whom Bulgarian newspapers have proposed as national president, found a neutrality with his diplomatic acceptance of the European Player of the Year trophy Monday in Paris. "I dedicate this honor to Johan Cruyff," he said. "He took me to

Clever. Cruyff sat beside his player. Neither said how often Cruyff had criticized or threatened the Bulgarian, or how Stoich-kov in 1992 signed a four-year contract with Napoli even though he was tied to Barcelona until 1994.

Cruyff dealt easily with Stoichkov. It was the month of a European Champions' Cup Final, either Stoichkov showed his commitment to Barcelona or he could forget about appearing in the game of his life.

End of Napoli nonsense. But, it would seem, beginning of the similarities between Stoichkov and Amunike. Gifted, flawed, and

only a couple of princes to the real king of 1994.

That, I've said before, is Romário. Not only did the Brazilian win the World Cup for Brazil, he scored two goals for every one Stoichkov netted in the same Barcelona attack last season. Romário's time will come. South America, surely, will make him its Player of the Year. Then there will be three — black, white and mulatto. Merry Christmas to all men.

Rob Hughes is on the staff of The Times.

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Alberto Tomba of Italy celebrated his 28th birthday a day late on Tuesday, roaring to victory in Lech, Austria.

## Tomba Romps to 3d Slalom Victory

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LECH, Austria --- Alberto Tomba of Italy won his third slalom of the season in rip-roaring style on Tuesday despite a fractured rib.

Tomba, who turned 28 on Monday, was clearly a cut above the rest, romping home over two legs in a combined time of one minute 44.73 seconds, nearly a second and a half ahead of the pack. The Italian, who had painkilling injec-

tions before the race, beat Thomas Sykora of Austria, who was second in 1:46.22. Slovenia's Jure Kosir, who emerged as a top contender after coming second in a slalom in Lech two years ago, finished third in 1:46.50.

The victory gave Tomba a clean sweep of the slaloms this season, and it was his fifth in a row after he won the final two of last season. He also stretched his lead in moves to Alta Badia in Italy on Thursthe overall standings over Michael von Gruenigen, who came in fifth on Tuesday. Tomba kept a firm hold on a slippery course while others slid and crashed out as snow fell. Thomas Fogdoe of Sweden, a

winner here two years ago, skied off course in the second run after clocking the second-fastest time in the opening leg. This is a great win for me, taking the conditions into account," said Tomba after receiving a belated birthday cake on the finish line.

Conditions on the 180-meter Schlegelkopf run were difficult. A layer of artificial snow and ice was covered overnight and throughout the day with constant snowfalls.

A second slalom is scheduled at Lech on Wednesday before the men's circuit day for a giant sialom.

Tomba returned to competition Tuesday after dropping out of a giant slalom Sunday at Val d'Isère, France, following the first run because of the rib injury sustained when he ran into a pole before the race in Sestriere, Italy last week.

Tomba still complained that his rib

troubled him during the runs. He expects to feel the problem in Wednesday's race.

Tomba, who leads the overall World Cup standings with 350 points, moved within four of Pirmin Zurbriggen for

third place on the career victory list. Ingemar Stenmark is the leader with 86. But Tomba said it was far too early to start thinking about clinching the overall World Cup title which has so far eluded (Reuters, AP)

## Players Offer New Proposal in **Baseball Talks**

WASHINGTON — Tuesday would be possible to move the marked a milestone of sorts for twice-delayed deadline for im-WASHINGTON — Tuesday the major-league baseball strike: It was the 131st day, matching the length of the 1994 season, which ended when players walked out Aug. 12.

The players' union staff held a meeting Tuesday, then met with the federal mediator, W. J. Usery. A joint meeting of the union and baseball owners was scheduled later in the day.

On Monday, the players presented representatives of the team owners with a new contract proposal. Even so, the principals on both sides seemed to remain uncertain about whether this latest round of talks would bring sincere bargaining, or merely more posturing for possible litigation.

Union officials, nine players and a scaled-down ownership negotiating team met for about eight hours here Monday.

The union presented a proposal that contained provisions similar to those in the "partnership" and taxation-system plan offered by the players 10 days ago in Rye Brook, New York. But the union revised parts of its plan to make it more closely resemble the revenue-sharing plan to which the owners agree in January in Florida.

As with the union's previous offer, this plan calls for each side to contribute at least \$30 million over the duration of the agreement to an "industry growth fund."

If the sides move closer on gust. their tax ideas, the acting com-

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posing the owners' salary cap system. If there is not progress, the owners' executive council will declare an impasse in bargaining and impose the cap, leading to a court fight and the possible use of replacement players next spring.

Last Thursday, the owners authorized the council to declare an impasse and impose the cap on Thursday or Friday.

But the owners apparently have some fears about whether that move could withstand a legal challenge. A management source said that a labor attorney, Lewis Kaden, had told the owners that they could lose "hundreds of millions of dollars" in legal judgments.

Sources said the Baltimore Orioles' majority owner, Peter Angelos, told his peers on Thursday that they were about to commit "mass financial suicide."

The union plans to challenge any impasse declaration with the National Labor Relations Board, and accuse management of failing to bargain in good faith. If the NLRB were to issue a complaint against the owners, the union could seek an injunction to keep a salary cap from remaining in effect, and might pursue collusion damages.

The NLRB already has announced its intention to issue a complaint against the owners for improperly withholding a \$7.8 million payment to the players' pension fund in Au-

(AP, WP)

## Lendl Quits Tennis, Citing Back Ailment

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - Ivan Lendl, who once ruled tennis with an iron will and booming forehand, retired from the sport on Tuesday because of a back ail-Tuesday because of a back ail-

"I enjoyed playing the game,

No. 1 ranking for a record 270 weeks, fell out of the top 10 last vear for the first time since 1979. He is the tour's all-time career prize money leader, having earned more than \$20 million, and was ranked No. 1 in the world eight different years.

"It is never easy," he said when asked about the difficulty this year. of retiring from a sport he once dominated. "It is not something you deal with every day."
"It's a very difficult and sad

time for me and not the way I would have chosen to retire," Lendl added. "I am sure I'll miss the game I love."

He said his one regret was

never having won Wimbledon. But the native of Ostrava, Czechoslovakia, now ranked said Edberg winner of 40 titles, 54th by the ATP Tour, said he including six Grand Slams. made his decision after his doctor told him his back would not get any better.

"After the U.S. Open, I've had more and more problems,"

Lendl won the U.S. Open in 1985, '86 and '87, and was runnerup in 1982, '83, '84, '88 and '89, reaching the title match a

round of the 1994 Australian Open, where he lost to the evenhad a lot of great times, and I will miss it," Lendl, 34, said in the French Open, where he had announcing his retirement.

Lendl, who held the world's round loser to Arnaud Boetsch. He skipped Wimbledon, then was forced to retire during his second-round match at the U.S. Open in September.

And, after being the only

man to win at least one tournament crown every year from 1980 through 1993, he failed to win an event on the ATP Tour

(AP, Reuters)

■ Edberg Splits With Coach Stefan Edberg announced on Tuesday that he was splitting

up with his coach of 11 years, Tony Pickard, Reuters reported from London. "We have had a great relationship over the years, right from the time we met in 1983,"

"This year, like every year, we've sat down and reviewed the future, and I feel now it is perhaps time for me to go on on my own," the 28-year-old Swede added. Attention visitors from the U.S.!

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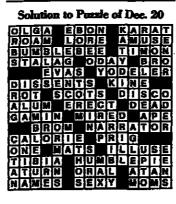
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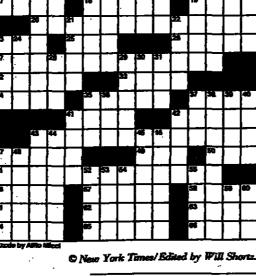
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#### **OBSERVER**

## **Building Up Newt**

By Russell Baker NEW YORK — Poor Newt Gingrich. Washington is giving him the buildup. It's unprecedented for a mere congressman to get the buildup. Until now, the buildup has always been reserved for presi-

"We build 'em up because it's so much fun to knock 'em lows the classic pattern. After down," as nobody ever says in Washington It's a sly little city. as a bit of a nit, he astonished They don't talk plain there.

letting the poor guy know what's been done to him until he reads it in the newspapers.

Remember that, Newt Gingrich, you surpassingly brilliant philosopher and master of politics whose excellence in everything from bowling, both tenpins and duckpins, to the conjugation of irregular Persian verbs has not been seen in Washington since the last mug who got the buildup.

This, come to think of it, was Bill Clinton.

What a magnificent president-elect he was just two years ago! Had there ever been a president-elect with such an extensive knowledge of every-thing governmental, departmental, elemental, supplemental, incidental, temperamental, sentimental, endodental and fundamental?

No president-elect can escape the buildup, even though he's been around long enough to know what they're building him up for.

Remember Jerry Ford becoming president even as heli-coptered Nixon rose from the White House lawn? Ford had been in Washington forever, had seen 'em built up, seen 'em knocked down, but even be couldn't stop the buildup artists from doing it to him.

What a superb president he was, this amazing Ford. He even made his own toast! The old-timers said Jefferson was

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the only president who could do it all - write a declaration, design a university, invent a politi-cal party — but could Jefferson make his own toast?

After that, Jimmy Carter. Carried his own suitcase! Made the bed after a superb night's sleep! Mister Fantastico!

The Gingrich buildup folyears of being widely regarded all humanity, including most A lot of the sport lies in not likely himself, by winning the lottery.

Becoming speaker of the House is truly a big deal, but Washington has never before laid on a buildup for a speaker.

The explanation for the Gingrich buildup is obvious enough. The indispensable president has been knocked down too fast. But meanwhile, what about the next two years? Where's the story? No use continuing the Clinton knock-

So Gingrich takes the fall. It's as though everybody had said simultaneously, "Let's make Gingrich it!" Since the election he's been lathered in the fatuous praise of columnists and interrogated with the aggressive sincerity of our gravest correspondents about matters on vhich they usually examine

only presidents. Gingrich the man is analyzed with a thoroughness that only presidents must normally endure. His divorce from his ailing wife, his tastes in literature, the hitherto unappreciated acuity of his philosophical and the-oretical thought, his college-lad urge to be a famous writer of raunchy best-selling fic-

Even without Clinton, the story can go on. Come on, everybody, let's do a Clinton on good old Newt! You too, Rush. Cheerleading is for wimps.

New York Times Service

## The New Political Weather Vane: The Best-Seller List

By David Streitfeld Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — You don't need a weatherman to tell you which way the wind is blowing. A copy of the best-seller list will do just fine. Take "Guns, Crime, and Freedom," brought out by Regnery Publishing. Once you know the book was written by Wayne LaPierre, the head of the National Rifle Association, you can easily guess its message. (Sample sentence: "Clearly, the Warsaw ghetto stands in history as a shining example of the dangers of

gun control." What no one reckoned on was the message's popularity. Regnery started with around 20,000 copies last summer and now has 10 times that number in print. The biggest success in the publisher's 47-year history, "Guns" recently spent two weeks on The New York Times best-seller list - an unusual place to find such a partisan look at such a hot-button issue. HarperCollins just bought paperback rights for a significant six-figure sum. This is about freedom. Not crime,

not hunting, not recreation. Freedom. And people don't want to lose it," declares LaPierre. He adds that people are totally fed up with the misreporting of this issue in the na-tional media."

His hand is sore. He's done 82 book-signings in the past few months, all over the country with the exception of a few gun-control strongholds like the District of Columbia and New York City.

One man's truth, of course, is another fellow's propaganda, but the prevalence of conservative/libertarian/right-wing/Republican truth on the best-seller list these days is over-whelming. Meanwhile, Democratic propaganda is about as fashionable as a panhandler at a picnic.

"For some reason, liberals are no

longer able to talk about the world around us in a way that really gets people in their guts," says John Stering editor in chief at Houghton Mifflin. "But conservatives sure can. It's happening in Washington in Congress, and it's happening nationally on the best-seller lists.

Sterling successfully published one of the last unabashedly liberal books,

Al Gore's "Earth in the Balance." "Was that only in 1992?" he asks. "It seems like a decade ago."

The tide has turned, the editor says. "If you were a publisher who just wanted to pick winners, you'd say: Let's sign up people who have great TV programs"—a reference to the huge success of books by comics Tim Allen, Paul Reiser and Jerry Seinfeld — "and conservatives who have terrific media profiles."

And if you got a conservative with a terrific media profile and a popular radio and TV program, you could clean up. Which is exactly what Simon and Schuster has done with Rush Limbaugh. Says Adam Bellow, editorial direc-

tor of the Free Press: "The liberal monopoly on public debate has weakened. I'm always being asked, What manipulative magic did you use to create this audience for conservative books?' But the audience has always been there. It's just that before, conservative ideas were walled off in a ghetto."

Consider some further evidence: William Bennett's "Book of Virtues," a compendium of moralizing fables, has been on The New York Times list for nearly a year. Dan Quayle's book was a bigger hit than anticipated. Richard Nixon's last book spent four times longer on the list than Jimmy Carter's. Barbara Bush has racked up 14 weeks and counting for her latest, vs. 0 and falling for Rosalynn Carter. The massive popularity of the No. 1 fiction best-seller Politically Correct Bedtime Stories" underlines the rapid progression of political correctness from liberal mantra to joke. Then, of course, there's the charttopping nonfiction offering by Pope John Paul II — not exactly anyone's

idea of a leftist. Still not convinced? Check out the fate of Mr. Anti-Family Values himself, Marion Brando. His \$5 million, heavily hyped, years in the making autobiography arrived with a clunk in September. Even slashing the price 50 percent hasn't helped resuscitate it. No one wants to hear Brando's opinions about the fate of the Indians. No one wants to read Peter Manso's

weighty biography of him either.
Instead, they want "The Bell

Curve," Charles Murray and Richard Hermstein's 845-page opus on "intelligence and class structure in American life." Touted on its dust jacket as "certain to ignite an explosive controversy," the book was at-tacked by most of the mainstream media as an ill-mannered, ill-conceived, statistically flawed, cryptoracist manifesto. There are now 400,000 copies in print, the biggest success in the Free Press's five decades. (Sample sentence: "The average validity in the meta-analysis of the GATB studies was .45.") Bellow says: "All you really need to get a book going — at least, a conservative book — is for the journalistic estab-

lishment to denounce it." If you talk to the mavens of the New York publishing world, they say "The Bell Curve" is this year's great unread best-seller, following in the footsteps of Stephen Hawking's "A Brief History of Time," Allan Bloom's "The Closing of the Ameri-can Mind," Paul Kennedy's "Rise and Fall of the Great Powers" and the novels of Umberto Eco.

Adam Bellow, the 37-year-old son of Nobel isureate Saul Bellow, rejects

such assertions. "I don't deny that people bought the book because it was controversial, and I don't even deny that some people bought the book just because they agreed with what they thought was in it, but a sizable number bought it because they wanted to make up their own minds." Bellow himself is the best proof of the conservative ascension in publishing: He's the hottest editor in New York.

"Strange Justice," the book on Clarence Thomas and Anita Hill by Jane Mayer and Jill Abramson, was released in early November in a fire-burst of publicity. With 115,000 copies in print, it spent three weeks on the best-seller list. As Houghton Mifflin's Sterling, the book's editor, points out, this is an achievement in tself. "It's very hard to get any book of substance onto the best-seller list."

Because the book concludes that Anita Hill was telling the truth about Clarence Thomas, it's perceived as "liberal." That's opposed to the "conservative" approach of David Brock, who penned "The Real Anita Hill" 18 months ago. Brock's book, make you a homicidal maniac."

which attacked Hill and supported Thomas, was an unexpected success. If "Strange Justice" is lucky and sells 70 percent of its print-run, the net sale will be about 80,000 copies significantly under the 115,000 achieved by "The Real Anita Hill."

Pozens Hun b Firebonn As it happens, "The Real Anita Hill" was edited by Bellow. And it, like "The Bell Curve," was attacked on publication, which as usual only helped. Once again, some people read it to see what all the noise was about, while for others it offered a point of view they found sympathetic - and which hadn't received much air time by the mainstream media.

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"Strange Justice," in Bellow's view, suffered in the marketplace from the fact that "it just confirms ruling prejudices. People don't really need it." After "Strange Justice" received its generally approving nods in the me-dia, in other words, there was nothing left to say and nowhere for it to go.

Last spring, Crown Publishers ran ads for "Lethal Passage: How the Travels of a Single Handgun Expose the Roots of America's Gun Crisis." National Rifle Association members were offered a \$2 rebate if they sent in the receipt for the book and a copy of their membership card. The number of responses, says the publicist Andrew Martin, was "fewer than

That showed us that no NRA members were interested in looking at a book that took careful aim at the business of guns in America," says Martin. (Either that, he concedes, "or

they didn't need \$2.")
"Lethal Passage," by Erik Larson,
a Wall Street Journal reporter, got good reviews and some attention during the crime bill debate, but it sold only modestly. People who hate guns don't want to read about them because they know they already hate them," says Larson. "They're delighted a book like mine, a critical book, came out, but they don't really feel they have to go out and read it. Whereas one thing that characterizes people who love guns is that they love to read about them. Especially after the last few years, they need to read something that reinforces their belief that owning a gun doesn't

#### WEATHER

Forecast for Thursday through Saturday, as provided by Accu-Weather. North America
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Berlin will have tranquil weather late this week with some sunshine each day.

ain's Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, claiming that the orchestra has negotiated behind CFF CF CF CF 19:65 pc 29:84 22:71 sh 19:65 pc 29:84 22:71 sh 19:65 pc 29:84 22:75 r 19:65 pc 29:75 r 19:46 s 19:52 st 19 his back to replace him. Ashkenazy told The Independent newspaper that he was approached last week by Paul Findlay, the orchestra's chief executive, who said he had made an offer to Daniele Gatti to succeed him. Ashkenazy, who has been music direc-tor since 1987, said he instructed his agent in London the next day to tell Findlay that North America

he could no longer work with the RPO. "I really don't understand why they did this."
Ashkenazy said in Berlin. "It would have been so simple just to keep me informed." An orchestra spokesman said, "I am not aware he has left. Discussion is going on about the future of the music director. The Moscow poet, singer and author £10,000 (\$15,000) Booker Prize for Russian literature, an offshoot of Britain's Booker Prize, for his largely autobiographical book "Abolished Theater.

THE conductor Vladimir Ashkenazy has

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was awarded a high papal honor, becoming





Ashkenazy quits Royal Philharmonic.

an Order of St. Gregory the Great Levine, the artistic director and principal conductor of the Krakow Philharmonic Orchestra, re-

ceived the honor from Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger in Paris. Levine met Pope John Paul II after a ground-breaking trip to Poland in 1987, when he was a guest conductor with the orchestra.

Roman Polanski is suing Paris Match for 150,000 francs (\$27,000) in damages over, photos it published of him and his wife. The director and his wife, the actress Emmanuelle Seigner, claim Paris Match used the photos without their consent.

Rodney Dangerfield gets no respect from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. The academy won't let the comedian be a member because he lacks "enough of the kind of roles that allow a performer to demonstrate the mastery of the craft." Branch executive committee, wrote.

Princess Diana will visit Japan as a charity ambassador in early February, Buckingham Palace announced Tuesday. The trip will be her first major overseas tour since she announced she was cutting back on

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